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After Years of Debate, New Affordable Housing To Be Built in Borough

After a decade of debate, Borough Council last Tuesday night agreed to construct affordable housing on Shirley Court and Maclean Street. But, unlike the 24 affordable units that were built in the late eighties on John Street and Hamilton Avenue, the Borough wiff not do the actual construction.

Instead, Council voted to accept a $1.1 million proposal from Hotz Development and Construction, Far Hills, to build six housing units on Shirley Court and six on Maclean Street. Both sites are in the John-Witherspoon neighborhood.

The Council meeting, held in the Hook and Ladder Firehouse, draw some 40 supporters of the project.

A number said that affordable housing woufd help maintain the Borough's diversity and vitality. Several cited the need to provide home ownership opportunities to people with low and moderate incomes.

"For the past four or five years we have been trying to come up with a plan compatible with the community," said Borough Housing Coordinator Louise Shaw.

The plan that finally evolved calls for a lower density than the original concept, where 28 units were to be built on Maclean Street and 16 on Shirley Court.

Ms. Shaw said the reduction in the number of units on Maclean Street will allow the balance of the lot to continue to be used for public parking.

At the height of the real estate market, in 1986, Princeton Borough bought Shirley Court for approximately $800,000 and the Maclean Street property for about $400,000.

There were 16 small housing units on Shirley Court which the Borough had hoped to rehabilitate. But, because of their poor condition, they were demolished in 1994.

When Mayor Marvin Reed said to Council that the Shirley Court and Maclean Street housing would cost $1.2 million (the $1.1 million to be paid Hotz Development plus $100,000 for site improvements to be made by the Borough), Council

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Gordon Says "No"; Who's Next?

Members of the Princeton Regional School Board were planning to discuss in closed session last night their response to a surprise announcement by Geoffrey Gordon that he would not accept their offer to become superintendent of the Princeton Regional district.

Dr. Gordon, superintendent of the New Providence School District, was the board's first choice trom more than 60 candidates who had applied to fill the post vacated when Marcia Bossart resigned in January 1998.

Business Administrator Dan Swirsky, also a finalist in the superintendent search, has been acting as superintendent since February 1. A third finalist, Glenn Smartschan, superintendent of the Mt. Lebanon (Pa.) School District, withdrew last month.

On Tuesday, February 16, school board members voted 8 to 1, to authorize Board President Jack Marrero to negotiate a contract with Dr. Gordon. Ricardo Bruce voted "No," and Walter Frank abstained.

Mr. Bruce said he saw no compelling reason to offer the position to Dr. Gordon in preference to Dr. Swirsky, who had filled the job for the past year and wes femiliar with the district.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Frank explained his abstention by saying he did not feel the board had taken account of the "deep relationships" Dr. Swirsky had developed in the district and that the vote was an "institutional issue."

Following a standing ovation from about half of the 150 people in attendance, Mr. Frank added he did not want his abstention to be misconstrued; he urged members of the pro-Swirsky audience to give Dr. Gordon a "chance."

By the evening of Friday, February 19, Dr. Gordon had notified Board President Jack Marrero that he could not accept the position, citing "personal and family reasons."

In a statement addressed to the

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Township Considers Ordinance Regulating Future Golf Tournaments at Jasna Polana

The possibility that the Tournament Players Club — the private golf club at Jasna Polana, Barbara Piasecka Johnson's 235-acre estate on Lawrenceville Road — could bring 10,000 or more golfers into town for a tournament sometime in the near future, has prompted the Planning Board to draft an exhaustive ordinance regulating such events. The club opened in June, but has not yet held a major tournament.

Township Committee members, who must eventually enact the ordinance, got a first look at the measure during a work session on Monday, February 22.

Any tournament held over a period of two or more days that brings 5,000 or more golfers into town is defined as a "tournament event" and will require a permit, according to the draft.

Township Planner Lee Solow

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PRESENTING PRESENTS: 4- and 5-year-olds from the YMCA's child care center presented gifts to residents of the Princeton Nursing Home on Friday. The children had previously held a bake sale to raise money to buy the presents.

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hammered out the measure, along with a Planning Board subcommittee, composed of township attorney Ed Schmierer, members of the planning board, and planning board attorney Allen Porter. They held a number of discussions with Jasna Polana personnel, as well.

The subcommittee investigated other communities in which PGA and other large tournament golf courses are located, but found little to guide them, Mr. Solow noted. In most cases, he said, no municipal ordinances were involved, because communities relied on tournament sponsors to take care of all arrangements.

"We also found that most other tournament courses were located right off an interstate or a four-lane highway," he added, "not on local roads, like Route 206."

Permit Required

The subcommittee drafted legislation requiring the Township to be notified at least 120 days prior to a tournament. A permit application must be made in writing, accompanied by a fee of $1,500, together with an escrow deposit of $5,000 "for retaining professional consultants to review the applicants' submission."

Township officials including the police chief, engineer, fire official, construction official and planning director will also review the application.

Committeeman Steven Frakt objected that a notification period of 120 days was too short. "The application should occur one year ahead," he pointed out, "to allow for adequate planning."

"We were trying to be generous," Mr. Solow said. "Maybe we can stretch out the time periods."

The applicant must attach a complete "tournament event plan" including all relevant tournament dates, a description of all golf events, and a projection of the number of people who will attend on a day-by-day basis, as well as a description of each entrance and exit to the golf course.

"We are talking on the order of 10,000 to 15,000 people, maximum," Mr. Solow indicated. "The Players Club tournaments won't be like a U.S. Open event."

He said the tournaments will be mostly Senior PGA Tour events. "They could start on Wednesday, perhaps, with bigger crowds on Saturday and Sunday, when not as many people would be on Township roads," he noted.

To Mr. Frakt's question of whether the tournaments would bring an influx of 5,000 people all on one day, Mr. Solow responded that there are no good models. "Impacts differ," he said. "We are concerned; and we want to make sure adequate preplanning occurs."

"Do we have the legal right to limit the number of people who can attend?" Mr. Frakt wanted to know.

Mr. Schmierer, the Township attorney, said that after the Township has experienced a tournament, it will be better able to evaluate its regulations. "We don't yet have a handle on it," he pointed out. "If we find that tournaments are increasing in size year by year, we could cap the number of those attending."

Scheduling Conflicts

He added that requiring a tournament permit is one way to insure that major golf events do not occur during University reunion or graduation ceremonies.

The ordinance requires applicants to submit a transportation plan that includes a detailed off-site parking plan, including the number of cars to be accommodated at each location, and indicating when the sites will be in use.

The plan must also include the schedule of any bus service to and from tournament drop-off areas, special parking regulations, and a pedestrian safety plan.

A professional traffic engineer will be required to evaluate the impact of the planned event and certify that Township roads are adequate to handle increased traffic.

Police services and security arrangements required during the tournament must be listed, along with fire and ambulance service plans. A risk management and staffing plan must also be filed with the Township.

Local Charitable Fund

The Local Charitable Purpose Fund, established by ordinance, may sweeten any negative impact of a major tournament on the Township.

According to the draft, the Township will either designate an existing charity or create a new fund to receive 10 percent of the total charitable funds generated by a tournament. A "local charitable purpose fund" would be a conduit to local groups designated by the fund's board of directors.

As tournaments are often major fundraisers for national charities like the American Cancer Society or the Red Cross, the Township could realize anywhere from $10,000 to $300,000, according to Mr. Solow.

"The local municipality must get something out of these events," stated Mr. Schmierer.

Committeewoman Michele Tuck-Ponder pointed out that any major tournament was likely to have at least as much impact on Lawrence Township as on Princeton because Jasna Polana is located on the border of the two municipalities. "In fact," she added, "the Jasna Polana entrance is in Lawrence."

She suggested that the application review committee include a representative of the Lawrence Township police.

Mr. Solow said discussions were underway with Lawrence Township officials and that he planned to forward them a copy of the draft. It was possible, he said, that Lawrence would adopt an identical ordinance, eliminating the need to involve Jasna Polana personnel in additional discussions.

—Anne Rivera

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BEARING GIFTS: Rose Salyers, a resident of the Princeton Nursing Home, was delighted to receive a visit and present Friday from the children of the YMCA's child care program. Rose DeFillepo (age 5, right), Gus Patterson (4, middle) and Mack Seager (4, left) were among the children who delivered gifts bought with money from a bake sale they held previously.

Regional Planning Board Holds Review Of Proposed University Parking Garage

It looks like 1999 will be the Year of the Garage in Princeton. Borough Mayor Marvin Reed started the ball rolling just four days into the new year when he suggested that a garage be built on the Park and Shop lot on Witherspoon and Spring streets.

As this recommendation began to be discussed at Borough Council, Princeton University took the lead in the garage olympics by bringing a 741-space garage to the Regional Planning Board for informal concept review.

The structure would be built just east of the Dinky railway tracks, south of the New South building, and west of the MacMillan Building and the Co-Generation facility. Access would be via Faculty Road to Elm Drive.

Not only would the garage be used by University faculty, staff and visitors, it would also be made available nights and weekends to patrons of McCarter Theatre. The University plans to place a new crosswalk from McCarter across University Place to provide safer access to the garage.

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A regularly scheduled shuttle service would be run from the garage for University personnel who work on the west side of Washington Road. This shuttle would be confined only to the University's internal roadways and would not have an impact on downtown traffic.

John Hiafter, the University's director of physical planning, told Planning Board members last Thursday night that the garage would enable some parking areas on the historic campus to be converted to green space. He specifically mentioned parking sites near Jadwin Gym and Alexander Hall. The garage, he said, would also provide some leeway for future expansion of the University.

It was noted that the actual increase in parking spaces would be 564 because of the number of spots in current University lots that would be displaced by the new garage.

The structure would be approximately 115 feet wide, 454 feet long, and about 50 feet in height. Because of the topography, the north side of the garage would have four levels and the south side five.

Roundabouts Planned

In order to deal with the anticipated increase in traffic generated by the garage, the University is planning to construct two roundabouts. One would be located at the intersection of Faculty Road and Elm Drive, and the second at the intersection of Elm Drive and Parking Lot 16. Each roundabout would have a 50-foot diameter, considerably smaller than the traditional New Jersey traffic circle.

The University's traffic consultant, Georges Jacquemart, said these roundabouts would be designed so that every vehicle has to slow down. He said there were 50 of this type of "modern" roundabout in the United States, but about 35,000 to 40,000 were in operation around the world.

Mr. Jacquemart said these roundabouts were highly safe, that they operated with shorter delays than traffic lights, and that they could handle high volumes.

Gary Davies, the Planning Board's traffic consultant, wrote in a memo to the Board that he would not be able to evaluate whether the roundabouts were appropriate until information was provided on traffic flows, levels of service, queuing, and pedestrian volumes.

Mr. Jacquemart told Planning Board members that he

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Millstone Bypass Design Would Impact Faculty Road

A long-awaited report from the State. DOT about the potential effects on traffic of the latest Millstone Bypass proposal indicates that Faculty Road would see a large increase in vehicles using it to travel between Harrison Street and Washington Road.

The DOT estimates that traffic on Faculty Road will double, rising from 200 to 400 cars during the morning and evening peak hours. The number of vehicles during peak hours would increase to 600 by 2022.

The possible impact of this new traffic pattern was raised during the Planning Board's Thursday night discussion of a proposed new Princeton University garage. The structure would be accessed via Faculty Road.

Traffic Consultant Gary Davies, in a memo, said a fundamental question was the future role of Faculty Road in Princeton's circulation plan. He asked, "How does Faculty Road relate to the DOT's Millstone Bypass project," and "What would the effect on Faculty Road traffic be of a future campus in West Windsor?"

The DOT unveiled this latest Millstone Bypass configuration in November of last year. It calls for the roadway to begin at the railroad bridge in West Windsor and continue as an overpass across Route 1, where it would connect with Harrison Street. Vehicles would then use Faculty Road to travel west from Harrison Street.

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Planning Board members that he had determined that 200 additional trips would be generated in peak hours, and that he was working on a more detailed study.

The garage is served by one elevator. This led Wendy Benchley to say that, as a woman, she always parks as close to a garage elevator as she can. She suggested that a second elevator be installed. Planning Board Chair Corinne Kyle agreed that this would be helpful.

The garage will have a concrete exterior covered by a metal screen. Bill Enslin said that this, unfortunately, reminded him of the screening at the University's garage on Prospect Avenue, which he said was not very attractive and hoped would not be repeated.

"The grillwork [on the Prospect Avenue garage] looks like a state prison," said Ms. Benchley.

Mr. Hlafter said the security at the garage would be handled with a security camera, and that the campus patrol could respond to any problem in a few minutes. The garage would be open 24 hours a day.

He was told that the Planning Board would be interested in the issue of security, and that this might involve manning as well as monitoring.

At the end of the discussion, Ms. Kyle noted that, "Anything that takes pressure off the public streets will benefit Princeton."

The University will return to the Planning Board for final site plan approval at a later date.

Silhouette of Shield

In other business, the Planning Board approved the placement of a 35- by 40-foot silhouette on the south wall of the new Frist Campus Center, which will be constructed on Washington Road. The silhouette, showing the Princeton University shield, will be created by varying fritted and transparent glass panels.

When the Planning Board granted final site plan approval to the campus center in May, Borough Zoning Officer Frank Slimak had classified the shield as a sign and said that it required a variance due to its size. Princeton University withdrew the silhouette from the Planning Board's consideration and subsequently appealed Mr. Slimak's decision to the Borough Zoning Board.

The Zoning Board heard the appeal in July and concluded that the shield was not a sign but an architectural design element, and thus was not subject to the restrictions of the Borough's sign ordinance. —Myrna K. Bearse

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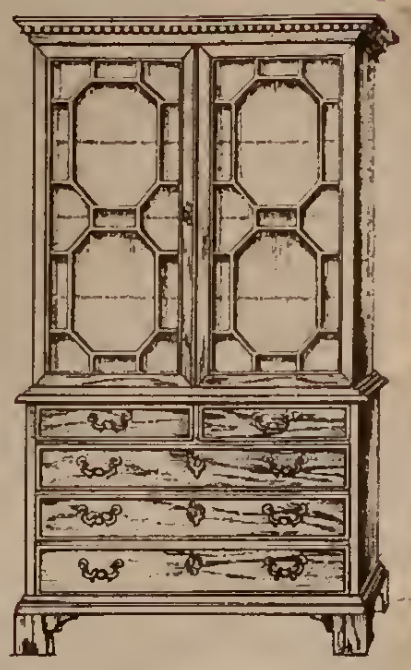

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Planning Board Orders A More Crashable Gate Near PDS Ice Rink

The Regional Planning Board last Thursday night reaffirmed its ruling that the roadway from Old Great Road to the new Lisa McGraw Ice Skating Rink at Princeton Day School should continue to be closed weekends and nights.

This condition was part of site plan approval given to PDS in September 1997 for construction of the new ice rink. The issue returned to the Planning Board last week because Township Fire Official Ted Cashel asked the Board to revisit its decision.

Mr. Cashel said there had been four separate emergency responses to the rink for medical emergencies in the last four to six months. During two of these responses, the emergency vehicles attempting to access the rink via the gated Old Great Road driveway encountered a delay in their response time.

He also said that there are often other activities occurring at the PDS campus at the same time the ice rink is in use, and that emergency responders have encountered delays as they wound their way from the main entrance to the ice rink.

Thomas Letizia, attorney for PDS, said he supported the fire official's request, and urged that the restriction be lifted because of public safety concerns.

"We are very concerned that the gate has not worked out," said John Peach, a member of the school's board of trustees. "It is impeding safe access. These minutes of delay could be important."

The Planning Board's decision to close this entrance nights and weekends was made in response to neighbors' concerns about traffic and noise.

One neighbor, Robert Hargraves, urged that the Stuart Road entrance to the school be opened immediately. Another neighbor, Robert Gallck, said that the use of the rink during non school hours should be revisited. He said PDS was given the right to this use contingent on closing the gate nights and weekends. "Now they want the gate open," he said. Another nearby resident suggested that the road be closed with a barrier that could be driven through by all emergency service vehicles.

Planning Board member Steve Frakt asked if someone could go to the gate and open it when emergency services are called. Mr. Peach responded that the security person was often involved in assisting the person in distress.

Mr. Peach added, to general surprise, that the gate was designed to be broken. But Mr. Cashel then pointed out that only a fire truck could crash the gate. In order to have smaller vehicles crash through it, the gate would have to be refigured, he said.

After further discussion, the Planning Board decided that the gate should remain closed nights and weekends, but that it should be altered so that it could be crashed through by all emergency vehicles.

Mr. Cashel and Township Engineer Bob Kiser will work with school officials to develop a barrier that can be more easily broken. Until then, the gate will remain open at all times.

It was pointed out by several Planning Board members that this issue will be addressed again when PDS returns to the Planning Board to seek approval for the construction of additional athletic fields.

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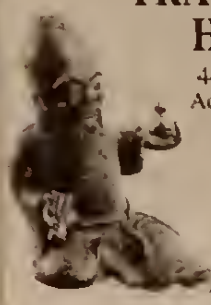

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Employee Charged With Stealing $13K From Doctor's Office

A Hamilton woman was charged with stealing roughly $13,000 in cash from the office where she worked.

Alyn R. Kirchner, 30, surrendered at Township police headquarters, at 12:15 p.m. on December 19. She was later released to her attorney.

Investigation by detective corporal Scott Porreca indicated Kirchner misappropriated the money from a doctor's office at the Princeton Eye Institute on Ewing Street from April through August of 1998, according to police reports.

A University Store employee has been charged with stealing $5,587 in cash from store registers over a two-month span.

Prabhjot Sidhu, 22, of 15113 East Run Drive in Lawrenceville, rang up non-existent returns and pocketed the cash, police said. She was arrested at the store at 8:22 p.m. on February 19, after the store's loss prevention officer notified police of the thefts.

Police say the thefts occurred between December 18, 1998 and February 19. Sidhu was later released on her own recognizance and is due in Borough court on March 1.

Drugs Discovered

A Borough patrolman found 150 grams of marijuana in a car he stopped for making a turn without signalling near Princeton High School at 3:35 p.m. February 17, police said.

The driver, Elliot Molina, 19, of D-10 Windsor Castle Apartments in Cranbury, was charged with three counts of marijuana possession, including possession with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school zone. He was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Molina was arrested in the PHS parking lot. He does not attend PHS. He was later released on his own recognizance and is due in court on March 8. The 150 grams of marijuana were contained in three glassine bags and one hand-rolled cigarette, police said.

James Cunningham II, 31, of Murray Place, was walking on his block at 8 a.m. February 18, when he was stopped by a Borough officer who recognized him as having two outstanding warrants from Trenton.

After being informed as to the reason for the stop, Cunningham fled, police said. The officer soon caught and arrested him. Police turned the accused over to Trenton authorities on their $260 warrant. Cunningham is due in Borough court on March 8 to answer a charge of resisting arrest.

Edwin Resto, 26, of Trenton, was arrested after he gave a fake name and fake insurance information to a Borough officer who had pulled him over on Witherspoon Street at 12:15 p.m. on February 16, police said.

Shoplifter Sought

Police are searching for a woman who they say filched over $100 worth of items from a store in Palmer Square East on February 16.

At 12:05 p.m., the suspect — described as a white female, 30-35, 5-foot-4, brown hair, wearing a green fleece sweatshirt — stole four picture frames and a dog bowl, police said. The missing items were worth $139.75 combined.

A 35-year-old man from the Borough left his wallet in a restaurant on Witherspoon Street around 9 p.m. on February 14. When he returned for it at 2:30 p.m. on the 16th, it was nowhere to be found. Along with his wallet, the victim lost $150, his credit cards and his driver's license.

A thief took a University co-ed's wallet from the pocket of her coat, which she left in the cloakroom of a Prospect Avenue eating club between 12:30 and 2:30 a.m. on February 21.

Women's Law Caucus Offers Scholarship

The Women Lawyers' Caucus of Mercer County invites female law students and prospective law students to apply for a $500 scholarship to be awarded to an eligible Mercer County woman for the 1999-2000 academic year.

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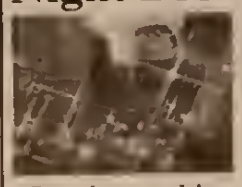
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Library Committee Will Select Architect For Expansion Design

Members of the Princeton Public Library Board of Trustees have established a selection committee to screen proposals from architects interested in designing an expanded library.

Library Board President Harry Levine said yesterday that a Borough Council and Township Committee liaison would probably be added to the committee. Members approved at the library board meeting on February 17, include library board member Edwin Becker, chair; and Jackie Thresher, library director.

Community members are Carol Beske, chair of the Mercer Somerset Middlesex Planning Association, former mayor of West Windsor, and principal of ACT Engineering; and William Murdoch, Murdoch Associates, past chair of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, and former CEO of HRE Properties.

Jon Hlafter, director of facilities at Princeton University, was appointed as a non-voting member. Gerry Wright, president of the Friends of the Library and a former environmental engineer, was also named; as was local architect Glen Fries, of Glen Fries Associates.

In 1994, the architectural firm of Kieran, Timberlake & Harris, Philadelphia, conducted an expansion feasibility study — or "program" — for the library, financed jointly by the Township and the Borough. That study identified space needs, based on specific intended uses.

Before the library board can solicit design bids for a new library, the program study must be updated by a consultant. Mr. Beckerman said he would interview representatives of several consulting firms.

Mr. Levine asked board members whether they wanted the committee to be responsible for selecting an architect or simply to serve in an advisory capacity.

"Do as much interviewing as possible and bring the best and brightest candidates to the board," suggested Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand.

Ms. Thresher proposed that the committee even issue the request for bids, provided the board approved bid specifications.

Mr. Levine said his only request would be that the committee present more than one architect to the board; and Ms. Thresher said she would like to require applicants to have previous library design experience.

To a suggestion that board members attend the interviews with potential architects, Ms. Marchand said, "You can't sit in on one interview unless you sit in on all of them."

In 1994, the architectural consultants proposed construction of a two-story addition to the south of the library, along Witherspoon Street, raised on columns to allow for parking at the ground level.

Cost Set at $12 Million

The firm recommended also that the library's atrium area be filled in and that a small third story be added on top of the present structure. The cost for a total of 57,000 square feet was set at $12 million.

The Township and Borough, joint users and owners of the library, each agreed to supply $3 million of the cost. The remaining $6 million was to be raised by the library board. That amount is still being used, pending further study.

Additional totals for a consultant's fee and for architectural plans have yet to be determined, as well.

Library construction and fund-raising activities have been on hold since last April, while negotiations proceeded on a proposal from Palmer Square Management Vice President David Newton to acquire the present library building at 65 Witherspoon Street. In exchange, he proposed to donate land on Palmer Square North, on which to build an expanded library.

Negotiations fell through late last year; and plans for expansion at the present library site are once again under way.

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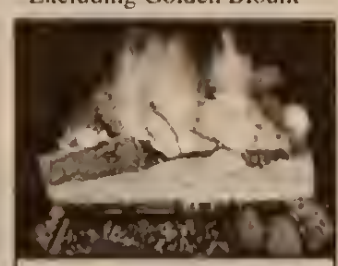

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Counselor Charged With Sex Crime Against His Client

A counselor employed by the Medical Center at Princeton was charged with making criminal sexual contact with one of his clients during a private counseling session on February 15.

During his appointment with a 32-year-old woman from Ewing, the counselor, Edward Ureta, 30, of 15 Samuel Drive, South River, exposed himself and placed the victim's hand on his genitals, police said.

The victim reported the incident, which occurred around 4:09, to authorities later that night. Township police arrested Ureta the following afternoon at 2:09 at his office in the hospital's Medical Arts building on Witherspoon Street.

Ureta was charged with aggravated criminal sexual contact, arraigned in Township Municipal Court on the 16th and released on $15,000 bail. His case has been forwarded to the Mercer County Prosecutor's office, police said.

At press time, further proceedings had not yet been scheduled, according to administrative assistant prosecutor Angelo Onofri, who said the process of taking over cases from local authorities takes several days.

Mr. Ureta worked for Princeton House, which is the Medical Center's behavioral healthcare facility. He was hired last May and was terminated when his employers learned of the incident, said Carol Norris, the hospital's director of public relations.

Princeton House, which was started in 1972, offers a broad range of mental health services, both in-patient and out-patient, Ms. Norris said. She would not specify what kind of treatment the victim was receiving.

Princeton House's counselors are paid professionals who generally have either doctorates or master's degrees in psychology or counseling, Ms. Norris said. Mr. Ureta has a masters degree in counseling, she confirmed.

Following the arrest, the hospital released a statement which read, in part: "The Medical Center at Princeton was deeply troubled to learn of Mr. Ureta's deplorable actions ... We immediately removed Mr. Ureta from the workplace and notified the police.

"We of course have cooperated fully with the authorities during the investigation of this incident and will continue to do so ... We have expressed our concern and offered our assistance to the patient and her family. Our highest priority is and always has been the safety and dignity of every patient."

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Another part of the legislation would give $10 million annually to towns and school districts that agree to study merging or sharing services; and bill A-12 would provide local officials with tools to resolve labor and employment issues resulting from consolidation.

Bill A-11 simplifies rules for consolidation, by allowing town officials to create a consolidation study commission by ordinance. They now need voter approval.

Senator Whitman?

New Jersey Governor Christine Whitman will make a final decision on whether to make a run for the U.S. Senate in less than six months, according to a report that appeared in The Times of Trenton last week.

According to the article, the decision by Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) not to seek a fourth term has changed the dynamics for a possible Senate run.

If she decides to run — and wins — Governor Whitman would leave office a year before the end of her four-year term. That would put the Senate president, Donald DiFrancesco (R-Westfield) in the governor's office for the remainder of her term.

Toll Hikes

State transportation officials are considering toll hikes as one way to raise $2.3 billion for planned improvements and maintenance along the state's three super highways — the NJ Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway, and the Atlantic City Expressway. The state's Transportation Trust Fund is due to expire in the year 2000.

According to a Gannett New Jersey Poll released this week, 66 percent of residents would rather see the higher tolls go into effect than have to pay increased gasoline taxes. A proposal to increase the state's gasoline tax by 4 cents per gallon died in the state Assembly last year.

A recent state report indicates that tolls may be increased by 20 cents on the turnpike and from 35 cents to 50 cents at parkway booths.

Racial Profiling

New Jersey Attorney General Peter Verniero announced last week that his office, which oversees the state police, would investigate whether drivers who are members of minority groups are routinely stopped because of their skin color.

The announcement was made in response to reports that 75 percent of those arrested on the NJ Turnpike in the first two months of 1997 were minorities.

Following the reports, federal officials revealed that the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division has been looking into New Jersey State Police practices for more than two years.

Governor Christine Whitman has promised, "Whatever this review reveals to us, if there are actions we have to take, no matter how uncomfortable, we will do it."

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New Applications For Charter School Up by 60 Percent

By the end of the Princeton Charter School sign-up period on Friday, February 19, a total of 247 applications for the 1999-2000 academic year had been received.

Applications were up by more than 60 percent over last year. Grades two and eight will be offered for the first time next fall.

Princeton Charter School is a public charter school which parents may choose for their children. Residents of Princeton Township or Borough have priority for admission, but residents of other New Jersey communities may apply.

Of the applicants, 222 were from Princeton and 25 from neighboring towns. Since the number of applications exceeds the spaces available, students will be selected by a random lottery. Eighty-three percent of the resident students who applied are currently attending Princeton Regional Schools.

Fifty-nine new applicants have applied for a place in grade two; 44 for a place in grade three; 33 for grade four; 53 for grade five; 24 for grade six; 24 for grade seven, and seven for grade eight.

Parents are also still applying for grades four through eight, despite the fact that these grades are fully enrolled; the new applications will be put into the lottery and added to the end of the waiting lists.

The Princeton Charter School targets excellence in all academic subjects, with a special emphasis on English language skills and mathematics, in an atmosphere that affirms academic achievement and allows children to be justly proud of their accomplishments.

The lottery will be held at a public meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday evening, March 5, in the Charter room at Princeton Charter School, 575 Ewing Street.

Each student applicant has been assigned an identification number which will be used in the lottery to preserve confidentiality. Lottery results will be mailed to parents of applicants and will be posted on the PCS web site at http://pcs.k12.nj.us.

CHARTER SKATERS: On the ice at the Iceland Skating Rink are Princeton Charter School third grade students Christopher Wright, Steven Greve, Payson Sword, and Christopher King. Weekly ice skating is part of the school's physical education program.

Hospital Reports Births To Ten Area Residents

The Medical Center at Princeton has reported births to ten area residents for the week ending February 18.

Sons were born to Qun Zuo and Feng Lin, Princeton Junction, February 11; Christopher and Leslie Kuenne, Princeton, February 12; Mohammed Bendaoud and Elizabeth Muron, Princeton, February 12; and Gen and Lynn Dixon Anderson, Princeton Junction, February 13.

Sons were also born to Peter and Valerie Tamburo, Princeton, February 14; Eric Smith and Vanessa Ayala, Plainsboro, February 15; and Edwin Orellana and Lilian Gonzalez, February 16.

Daughters were born to Robert and Molly Dykstra, Princeton, February 12; Darin and Joann Myman, Princeton Junction, February 16; and Paul and Susan Geller, Princeton, February 17.

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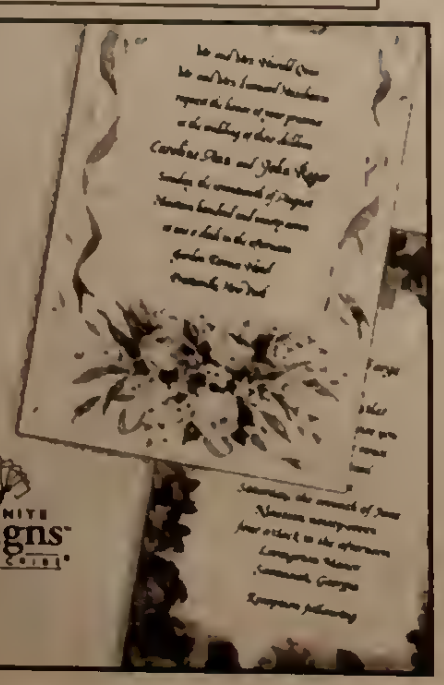

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DELIVERY CREW: On January 30, this early-morning delivery crew from Stuart Country Day School transported food for dinner and a take-home lunch to the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen at St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton. For the 19th consecutive year, the entire school community participated in providing the meal at the kitchen on the last Saturday in January.

Master Plan Committee Begins a Discussion Of Downtown Facilities

The Master Plan Subcommittee of the Regional Planning Board met Tuesday morning, February 23, in what promises to be the first of a number of meetings on downtown development, with particular focus on the area surrounding Witherspoon Street and Paul Robeson Place.

Representatives of a number of Princeton nonprofits, as well as from Palmer Square Management, were present to talk about their present and future plans. Among the community institutions represented were the Public Library, YM and YWCA, the Medical Center, The Arts Council, HiTops, and The Historical Society.

Richard Sinding, chair of the Master Plan Subcommittee, opened the discussion by stating that Planning Board members had felt a certain frustration when they approved the new addition to the Nassau Inn. They liked what they saw, he said, but they had to vote without the knowledge of what else was happening in the region around Palmer Square.

"We want to draw out a general idea of these plans so we can approach them from a holistic perspective," he said, adding that the Planning Board did not want this "cultural corner" to develop haphazardly. "We felt we had to coordinate this and to begin discussions."

Changes at Merwick

Significant changes may be ahead for Merwick, said a representative of the Princeton Medical Center. She explained, however, that no decision will be made until plans are presented to the medical center's board of trustees. This should be done by this summer.

Tentative plans include demolishing the present nursing home and replacing it with a more modern facility. The new home would have 103 beds, compared with the current 93.

In addition, a new building offering assisted living would be built next to the nursing home. This would accommodate about 50 or 60 units. If this expansion were to move forward, Merwick would still be able to meet its own parking needs.

Representatives of the YM and YWCA stated they had no current plans to expand the footprint of their building on Paul Robeson Place, although they have had to locate a number of programs at other sites because of lack of space.

If the YM-YW did want to construct a new building on their property, it would necessarily have an impact on the amount of space currently provided for parking and athletic fields.

Representatives of the Arts Council went over their plans for a new building, plans which will double the group's current space. These have already been presented to the Planning Board for concept review and are being prepared for submission for final approval.

According to an official, the Princeton Historical Society may decide to expand into a building it owns on Vandeventer Avenue, but it would maintain its building on Nassau Street. If this expansion takes place, it would make it possible to provide a teaching room for children, add needed office space, and go a long way toward solving the storage problem the society now faces.

The discussion of the Public Library, which has plans to double its size at its current site, centered on the need for adequate parking. It became clear, as the talk continued, that, to some, adequate parking meant free parking. "People generally get upset about paying for the use of the library," said Harry Levine, chair of the library board of trustees.

The Master Plan Subcommittee plans to meet again on this issue, when it will focus on ways to deal with the increase in traffic and the growing demand for parking that are anticipated to result from the planned increase in downtown activities.

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Princeton Names New Vice President For Facilities

Kathleen Mulligan, director of facilities services at Oregon State University, will become vice president for facilities at Princeton University in April.

In 1996, Ms. Mulligan received the State of Oregon Management Association Excellence in Public Service Award for Best Example of Outstanding Achievement. The award recognized her work in developing the facilities services department into a "professional, customer-oriented organization which focuses on continual improvement."

That same year, she was honored by the Pacific Coast Association of Physical Plant Administrators with both the Meritorious Service Award and the President's Award.

"Kathleen Mulligan emerged from a very large pool of able and experienced candidates," according to Vice President for Finances and Administration Richard Spies, who led the search process.

"As she talked with me and others involved in the interview process and as I talked with people who have worked with her at Oregon State, it became clear that she's a person of unusual breadth and an exceptional leader of people and organizations. Gene McPartland is clearly a tough act to follow, but I truly believe that Kathleen will do a terrific job and be a wonderful addition to the Princeton community."

Before going to Oregon, Ms. Mulligan spent 10 years in the California public university system: she was executive assistant to the vice president for administration at the University of California, Northridge; administrative analyst in the contracts office of the Los Angeles Community College District; and financial and business officer at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

A 1973 graduate of Memphis State University; she also earned a master of public administration degree in urban planning and management there.

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1 cup	Marsala wine
1½ cups	brown gravy
6 to 8	fresh mushrooms
¼ lb	imported prosciutto ham

Take four veal cutlets and pound them out with a meat mallet. Season with salt, pepper, garlic and oregano. Dip in flour on both sides.

Place olive oil in frying pan and allow pan to get very hot. Place veal in pan with sliced mushrooms. Cool veal on both sides and then add prosciutto ham.

When veal is browned on both sides pour out excess grease and oil.

Then add Marsala wine; simmer for two minutes adding 1½ cups of brown gravy. Cook for approximately 2 more minutes.

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Harwood Institute Head To Speak at Princeton

Richard C. Harwood, the founder and president of The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation, will speak on "Building the Next American Civic Brigade" at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs on Wednesday, March 3, at 4:30 in Robertson Hall, Bowl 1.

Harwood, who earned a master of public affairs degree from the Woodrow Wilson School in 1984, is also the founder and president of The Harwood Group, a public issues research firm that works with public- and private-sector organizations to identify the essence of public challenges and determine how to face them effectively.

His other organization, The Harwood Institute, is a nonprofit institution whose mission is to provide a new public space for the diffusion of public ideas and innovations to leaders and practitioners within the nation's various sectors such as civic life, journalism, business, and foundations.

He is a frequent commentator on national television and radio shows, and has appeared on The Today Show, CNN's Inside Politics, CNN and Company, CNBC, and C-SPAN. He has served on the policy staffs of U.S. presidential and congressional election campaigns and as director of issues research for the Public Agenda Foundation.

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Two Storytellers Will Be At Arts Council Saturday

Storytellers Julie Della Torre and Luray Gross will perform on February 28, in the Winter Storytelling Series at the Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street.

The series, co-sponsored by the Arts Council and Storytelling Arts Inc. and partially supported by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, takes place each Sunday afternoon, from 2 to 2:45. The program, designed for an intergenerational audience, will continue through March 14.

Ms. Della Torre has been telling traditional and literary fairytales to audiences of all ages since 1985. She performs as a freelance storyteller in the metropolitan area.

Currently storyteller-in-residence at four elementary schools in northern New Jersey, Ms. Della Torre is also an established storytelling teacher. She has taught adult classes at Rutgers University, the Adult Community School of Glen Rock, the New Jersey Library Association, and William Paterson College.

Each September, she organizes the annual New Jersey Storytelling Festival at Allaire Historic Village.

Ms. Gross works as a writer in residence through the Pennsylvania and New Jersey State Council on the Arts., She is also a visiting poet for the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and the Pennsylvania Writing Project.

"For me," Ms. Gross says, "poems and stories bring delight, excitement satisfaction, and glimmers of wisdom."

A suggested donation for the storytelling program is $5; and tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, call the Arts Council at 924-8777; or Storytelling Arts Inc. at 430-1922.

Public Library to Hold 'Read-Aloud' on March 2

The Princeton Public Library will host an intergenerational event on March 2, at 7, in celebration of the second annual "Read Across America" and the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

Participants in the "read aloud" will be invited to contribute a reading from, memory of, or anecdote about a favorite Dr. Seuss book.

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Quilting Project At Johnson Park Involves All Grades

The foyer of the Johnson Park School has turned into a mini-art gallery during the tenure of artist-in-residence Elisa Hirvonen, who has been at the school since mid-January.

Several quilts are currently on display in the foyer now, including a "Crazy Quilt" dating from the Victorian era and a three-dimensional quilt.

The display, open to the school community, is related to a school-wide project in which students at all grade levels have joined with teachers and parents to learn the history of quilting.

Together with Ms. Hirvonen, the 450 students are also creating a quilt that will reflect topics studied in school: nature, foreign language, math, and other subjects. Each student will create and sign a square; teachers and parents are helping them research and design the patterns.

Each grade has its own quilt-patch theme, illustrating some aspect of the curriculum. For example, kindergarten students are creating self portraits; while, in first grade, students are incorporating a math lesson into a "four patch" crayon transfer.

The second grade is illustrating a Spanish word; third graders are studying — and designing — planets and constellations, while fourth grade students are exploring the ocean in their patches. Fifth grade students are creating a nine-patch friendship square that includes a math lesson.

Following the assembly, throughout the month of February, a number of quilting authors and enthusiasts are scheduled to visit the classrooms to discuss quilting with the students.

Once their own 11-section quilt is finished, students will present it to the school in a special ceremony — about March 5. Three sections will hang in the library, while eight will be displayed in the cafeteria, Ms. Hirvonen said.

TOWN TOPICS classified ads get results

PRE-K MARDI GRAS: The pre-kindergarten class at the Chapin School celebrated Mardi Gras last week with their own parade, handmade floats and masks. From left, Sinclair Walson, Katherine Welch, Amanda Cornfeld, and Rachel Maddox.

Designer Showhouse Set At Former Our Lady Site

The Junior League of Greater Princeton has chosen "Regent's Mead" (formerly Our Lady of Princeton) as the location for its 11th Designer Showhouse, the League's most visible fundraising event.

The goal of the Showhouse is to transform a home and its grounds into a showplace, while at the same time raising money for many of the charities the Junior League supports.

As in years past, the showhouse will feature the work of approximately 40 designers and landscape architects from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Showhouse 1999 will run from April 25 to May 22, and will include a luncheon café, as well as the Garden Gallery boutique.

Regent's Mead, one of the largest houses ever built in Princeton, sits on 43 acres, near the intersection of Drakes Corner Road and The Great Road. The home, designed by Rolf W. Bauhan, was originally built in 1930, for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dignan, as a wedding present from Mrs. Dignan's family, owners of the Ward Baking Company, makers of Wonder Bread.

In 1947, the estate was purchased by the Sisters of the Congregation of the Marianites of the Holy Cross and became known as Our Lady of Princeton.

The property was purchased last September by Princeton Lifestyles, L.L.C, formerly Princeton Properties, which will seek Planning Board approval to develop a continuing care retirement community — to be called Regent's Mead — on the site. The house, with 12 master bedrooms and nine master baths, will serve as the centerpiece and will set the architectural tone for the community.

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Peace Action Coalition Plans an Afternoon Of Children's Projects

The Community Connection Peace Education project will feature a workshop, children's activities, and entertainment on February 28 from 2 to 5 at the Clay Street Learning Center. The public is invited free of charge.

A workshop entitled "Playing It Smart: The Value of Play for Growing Young Minds" will be presented from 2:30 to 3:30 by Valerie Ramos-Ford, Ed.M.

From 3:30 to 5, LoveOne Entertainment will perform original Hip-Hop music. Children's activities will be provided by The Learning Arcade during the entire afternoon.

Ms. Ramos-Ford will discuss the importance of recreational and leisure activities, both structured and non-structured, as well as strategies for involving children in a range of activities, identifying areas of interest and strength, and knowing how to balance work and play in children's lives.

LoveOne Entertainment of Princeton Theological Seminary will entertain with street songs and urban youth interpretations of ancient stories in the form of Hip-Hop tunes offering solutions to modern problems.

Children's activities such as computer games, crafts, and juggling, will take place between 2 and 5 on the lower level of the center. Led by The Learning Arcade, Inc., children of all ages can help make a garland of paper Birds of Peace that will be donated to the terminally ill as a gesture of hope and compassion from the community.

The paper doves and cranes will be presented on Peace Day, August 6, during the annual Hiroshima commemoration sponsored by the Coalition for Peace Action. The Two Trees Natural Toy Store at 2101 Route 206 in Belle Mead will collect them and is offering a 10 percent discount for anyone who contributes a bird of peace for the garland.

For more information, call 924-5022.

"Gourmet on the Go" To See Bread Company

The Princeton Recreation Department will sponsor a "Gourmet on the Go" visit to the Witherspoon Bread Company, on March 9, from 7:30 to 9.

The program is designed to give community members an opportunity to visit some of Princeton's favorite kitchens for cooking demonstrations.

After a short introduction by Ruth Alegria, participants will be treated to a demonstration and hands-on preparation of Brioche Fruit Loaf in a small oven-proof basket.

The fee for the program is $5, payable to the Recreation Department. In addition, a $15-dollar ingredient fee will be payable to the Witherspoon Bread Company on the day of the class.

The program, open to all members of the greater Princeton community, is limited to 12 participants. To register, call 921-9480.

TASK FORCE LEADERS: Celebrating ten years of service to the community, the Princeton Task Force on Ethics honored the leaders whose foresight and imagination created the Task Force. One of those honored at a reception on January 29, was Lucius Wilmerding, left, shown here with Bill Johnson, vice president of the Task Force.

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Superintendent Search Continues

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Princeton Board of Education, Dr. Gordon declared, "I believe that the future permits the individual components of Princeton to work as a team and allows the dedicated and elected Board to implement their vision based upon what is best for the district."

Noting that he had counted it a "privilege" to meet with individual board members, staff, students, and community leaders, he continued, "Because there are so many wonderful students, and the opportunities are so great, it is my hope for Princeton that the dissonance will abate and that the vision of Princeton as a national education leader will become a reality."

This week, several board members expressed surprise and dismay at the unexpected turn of events. "Dr. Gordon's decision represents a great loss for the district," Mr. Marrero emphasized. "He is a great communicator and a great educator."

Not the Salary

Mr. Marrero said that Dr. Gordon's decision had nothing to do with the question of salary, contrary to what some community members have speculated.

At the board meeting on February 16, Princeton Regional Education Association President Sandi Rosenhouse told the board that a salary figure for Dr. Gordon of $180,000 was being "bandied about."

"The numbers being bandied about are fictional," asserted Gina Kolata. Mr. Marrero confirmed that no such high figure had ever been discussed with Dr. Gordon.

"It appears that Dr. Gordon did not get all the information he requested and so had strong reservations about coming to the district," Mr. Marrero suggested on Monday. He would not elaborate.

"That's a false statement," declared Dr. Swirsky, when told of Mr. Marrero's comment.

Other sources indicated that Princeton residents had called Dr. Gordon's home, advising him and his wife that they would not be welcome in Princeton.

The board's near-unanimous vote for Dr. Gordon in the face of vociferous public support for Dr. Swirsky has left many residents puzzled. Now that Dr. Gordon has refused Princeton's offer, many feel that the logical step — and the only appropriate one — would be for the board to quickly appoint the interim superintendent.

"It could be that people on the school board have developed a personal vendetta against Dr. Swirsky for some reason," commented Nancy Johnson, a parent with two children in the district schools. "The search really should end now."

"Since the whole community supports him, I would like the board to reach an honorable resolution to this turmoil," commented high school English teacher Suzanne Thompson. "Besides, who would now apply to Princeton except some loser?"

When asked if he was still a candidate for the superintendent's post, Dr. Swirsky refused to comment, although he said he had not withdrawn his name.

The outpouring of support for Dr. Swirsky is being orchestrated by pressure groups within the community, according to several sources who asked to remain anonymous. Because the support is so well organized, it is difficult for anyone with a different opinion to express it in public, they said.

Several, however, spoke out at the meeting following the vote for Dr. Gordon. William Kerins, Cleveland Lane, for example, informed the board that, "A lot of community members, who support your decision, have not spoken." He commended the board for its "professionalism and courage."

John Clearwater, a former president of the board, noted that if a group representing such diverse personalities as those on the current Princeton Regional Board can agree on what is best for the children and the schools, "it is good enough for me."

Ms. Kolata read a prepared statement in which she declared, "Members of the board recognize that there are some in Princeton who will be disappointed that we did not choose their candidate. We knew that despite our honest efforts to put in place an administrative team that would be best for the children, we could not please everyone and we regret that we have not been better able to answer all of the community's questions and concerns in as open a manner as we may have liked."

"I just wish we could be a little more direct," she repeated to TOWN TOPICS, "but doesn't it tell you something that eight out of ten board members — who welcomed Dan with open arms a year ago — voted for Dr. Gordon?"

Individual board members have complained that the administration schedules meetings of the long-range planning committee, for example, at times when board members cannot attend because of other district commitments.

They say that the same thing has also happened with union negotiations. Teachers have accused the board negotiating team of not showing up for bargaining sessions; according to board members, they sometimes cannot attend because their presence is required at other meetings.

Waiting for Analysis

Last year we passed a giant budget [$38.4 million]," noted Ms. Kolata, "with the understanding that this year we would conduct an analysis of what's really needed. We haven't seen that analysis." [The budget originally proposed for 1999-2000 was $43.2 million. Various cuts have been proposed and were to be considered at last night's board meeting.]

If the board doesn't appoint Dr. Swirsky — for whatever reasons — it could re-open the search immediately or wait until after the board election to re-open the search, board members say. Whether Dr. Swirsky would continue as interim superintendent is unclear.

"I would hope we would stop and take a deep breath, look at where we are, and not do anything rash," commented Bucky Hayes, chair of the board's Finance Committee. He, along with Mr. Marrero, was charged with negotiating the contract with Dr. Gordon. "It is time now to think hard — and to act in a week or two," Mr. Hayes declared.

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Second Incumbent School Board Member Says "No" to Running for Another Term

Ricardo Bruce, one of three Regional School Board members whose term expires in April, has decided not to run for re-election. In January, Board Vice President Michael Littman announced his decision not to seek a third term.

Gina Kolata said yesterday, February 23, that she had not yet decided whether to try for a second three-year term, but would announce her intentions next week.

Mr. Bruce indicated that he had hoped to postpone announcement of his decision until after the selection of a district superintendent, but that he could wait no longer.

The board voted last week to authorize President Jack Marrero to negotiate a contract with Geoffrey Gordon, currently superintendent in New Providence. [Dr. Gordon has since declined the offer.]

Mr. Bruce was the sole Princeton Regional board member to vote against those negotiations, while Walter Frank abstained.

Mr. Bruce said last week that he could see no compelling reason not to offer the position to Interim Superintendent Dan Swirsky, who has served in the post during the past year.

Throughout his three-year tenure on the board, Mr. Bruce — who chairs the committee on minority education — has challenged the disproportionate number of minority students enrolled in special education classes.

He said he felt the administration was finally addressing the problem in some of its long-range planning initiatives. "We have made headway because of Dan and his support."

Mr. Bruce said he admired the ability of fellow board members to "hang in there," adding, "I didn't know it was possible for ten people to have so many diverse opinions about everything!"

The deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions with the board secretary is 4 p.m., on Monday, March 1. At press time, no petitions had been filed, although several had been picked up from the board office. School elections will take place April 20.

Frank Belluscio, a spokesperson for the NJ School Boards Association, told TOWN TOPICS that in the absence of a sufficient number of candidates to fill board vacancies, state statute mandates that the county superintendent appoint board members. "We've still got a week," he said. "Lots of petitions come in at the last moment."

The petitions may be obtained in the office of the board secretary, 25 Valley Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Information about candidate qualifications is available from the Election Law Enforcement Commission, at 292-8700.

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Our Teachers Not Overcompensated: Neighboring Towns Under-Compensate

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

In reading all of the commentary regarding the PREA/Board of Education dispute since its beginning, I have yet to see someone make the arguement that the neighboring Mercer County teachers are in fact undercompensated, and singling out Princeton teachers compensation as being "over the top" is entirely unfair. In a town where some of the greatest educators on this planet roam the streets, it is perplexing that the valuation of our teachers is being discounted.

As a new resident of Princeton, over the past year I have observed the slow escalation of the teachers' contract dispute, culminating in the statement released to the public by the Board of Education explaining their side of the arguement. My wife and I have observed firsthand the impact this letter has had on the morale of the teachers, as the Board has destroyed whatever goodwill they had previously established with them.

The irony of this action is that at the same time, the Board is telling us that the schools are reaching maximum capacity and that we will need to expand the number of classrooms and, I assume, the number of teachers in time. Clearly, the manner in which our teachers are being treated by the Board will be a deterrent to attracting the quality educators that we in this town have grown accustomed to.

The Board hides behind the coattails of fiscal restraint in the teachers' contract dispute while it has allowed other long range planning expenses to mount to the point where a large school-related property tax increase is all but certain. My only hope is that this investment that we all will have to make for the sake of our children's futures (and our property values) will also allow us to re-establish goodwill with the teachers of this town by maintaining their existing level of health benefits and establishing fair cost-of-living increases.

It saddens me to see the contrast between the warm and caring matter in which my daughter and her classmates are treated at school by their dedicated teacher and the indifference shown towards that dedication by the Board of Education. The aftermath of this contract dispute will resonate throughout Princeton for many years to come. Whatever the outcome, the teamwork between educators and Board members that is essential to the success of our school system has been irreparably damaged.

MITCHELL WEINER
Terhune Road

Thanks to the Many Who Made Gospel Benefit a Huge Success

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

Very, very many heartfelt thanks to everyone who made our benefit Gospel Fest for Courtney Jefferson such a wonderful success. The Arts Council and its Neighborhood Committee feels very thankful to have been in a position to coordinate this event for such a worthy and brave cause, but none of it would have been possible without the tremendous support and outpouring of love that was received, proving that the spirit of community is very much alive and well.

Gospel choirs, a soloist and dance groups from Princeton, Willingboro, Somerset, Ewing and Newtown, Pa. donated their time and talents for a two-hour festival of music, dance and song. Church leaders also gave their time, and local food vendors donated their wares. The John Witherspoon School generously gave their auditorium and custodial, audiovisual and security services.

TOWN TOPICS, Princeton Packet, Trenton Times and US 1 were wonderfully supportive and promoted the event. Myrna Bearse of Town Topics did a great cover story which we know helped to ensure that the event was a sell out. There was a huge response from individuals and corporations in the area who not only attended but made generous donations that enabled us to raise nearly $9,000 towards Courtney's costly anti-rejection medication costs.

Last but not least to thank are Courtney herself and her family. No one could hope for a more delightful, charming, brave and appreciative honoree than Courtney, whose experiences and upbringing have given her poise beyond her 11 years. Courtney's adoptive mother Jo-Ellen, her grandparents and her many siblings are a lesson to us all in the support and love that they have shown throughout and we are happy to have had the chance to know and learn from them.

Thank you everyone!

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Letters to the Editor

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Comparing Teachers and Plumbers Like Comparing Apples and Oranges

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

After the Board of Education's February 9 meeting, the PREA presented its formal response to the School Board's letter mailed to all Princeton residents earlier in the month, followed by comments from teachers and parents

The remarks of Ms. Sherry Ruskin comparing the salary of the average plumber with the median salary of the Princeton schoolteacher presented an unbalanced contrast. The average salary of the school teacher, which could be well above the median salary, is not given. The average hourly charge billed by the plumbing contractor is probably close to $75. This amount includes the contractor's overhead: rental on his shop and its upkeep, the inventory of parts he keeps on hand for a variety of emergency repairs, maintenance of his fleet of trucks, as well as the salary of the plumber who responds to the call to take care of Ms. Ruskin's toilet.

Since Murphy's Law seems to be particularly effective on holidays and weekends, there may come a day when Mrs. Ruskin will feel that getting the toilet in working order before the guests arrive is well worth the $75 charge, but the plumber who performs the repairs will earn considerably less.

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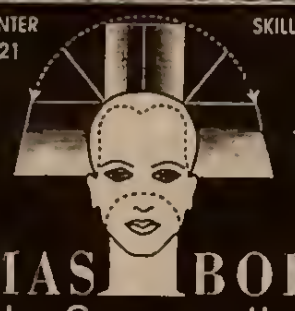

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Township GOP Candidates Did Suggest Introduction of Predators Against Deer

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

I was not surprised that my letter on the deer elicited responses from several people and I would like to reply to them. Firstly, I shall deal with Mr. Souter's comments. I have met both Dorothy Bedford and Colin Vonvorys and I think that they are obviously intelligent and likable people who should understand the nature of the " Deer problem." However, they both chose voluntarily last Fall to make the question an election issue. Mr. Vonvorys in a letter to the press, whether deliberately or by mistake, concocted a whole story about the Mayor making various statements after taking photographs of a deer that appeared outside the Municipal Building. This story was later contradicted by the actual person who took the photographs.

With regard to predators, Dorothy Bedford spoke as a member of the public on the subject of deer during the Township Meeting of September 28. As recorded in the minutes of the meeting, she suggested the introduction of coyotes as predators. I seem to remember also that on another occasion she mentioned "natural predators" in general for deer control. I cannot at this moment, more than six months later, remember, where or when, so that if I am mistaken I apologize.

I can, however, claim extenuating circumstances because later in the campaign the two Republican candidates published on October 30 a joint letter in the local paper which stated, in their own words, that there had been some confusion as to their position on the deer problem. If confusion existed it must have been due to a lack of clarity or ambiguity in their previous statements

There was one other point raised by the candidates. In previous discussions, concern had been expressed about the possibility of bullets ricocheting off rocky soil. To prevent this the use of "friable bullets" was suggested by Dorothy Bedford. Now, I must confess I don't know exactly what a friable bullet is but I do know the meaning of the word "friable"; so I imagine these bullets shatter on impact. If so, they would inflict terrible wounds like Dum-dum bullets which, I believe, are outlawed by the Geneva Convention. I would not for humanitarian reasons advocate the use of such bullets.

Lastly, in his letter, Mr. Souter mentions my failure to attend the debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters. No, I did not attend but did read the accounts in the press. As Mr. Souter knows, for some time I have been handicapped, and have only limited mobility. Until recently, I was also unable to drive myself so was forced to limit my activities to the most pressing duties, such as Township Committee Meetings, or the meetings of other committees to which I was the Township liaison.

Now, I would like to deal with Mr. Wiener's comments. Firstly, I wish to thank him for the nice letter he sent me a while ago congratulating me for voting against the "deer feeding ordinance." I would, however, urge him to read my recent letter on the deer situation more carefully. I made a point of saying that the taking of decisions which are unpopular with some of the public is a burden that comes with the job of Committeeman and must be expected. I do not object to constructive criticism.

What I don't like is that when people do not agree with decisions they immediately reduce their arguments to attacking people personally, the Mayor being the usual target, and throw good manners and common politeness to the winds.

As to the problem of the Committee being of one mind, I can only suggest that Mr. Wiener give everyone a chance to rectify this terrible situation and offer himself as a candidate for Township Committee to the voters of Princeton next Fall!

LEONARD E.A. GODFREY
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This Princeton Woman Was Not Famous, But Deserved to Be for Her Gentle Heroism

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

The Princeton Senior Resource Center would like to take this opportunity to mourn the passing of an extraordinary Princetonian and wonderful friend. Cornelia Raikes was 101 years old when she died, and had lived in Princeton almost her whole life. The life she lived was filled with honesty, faith, good humor, and devotion to family, and she left all of us who met her much richer for having known her.

Part of the reason her life was so happy and full was the love and respect of her friends and family, and part of the reason was the simple fact that she loved life and was young at heart. She adored baseball and always watched the games on television, especially when her favorite team, the Mets, were playing. She enjoyed telling stories about her childhood, and she felt it was important to help young people understand life in the early part of this century, especially the hardships incurred by African-American women.

We feel that although people like Cornelia Raikes are not famous, they deserve to be because of the gentle but heroic way they lead their lives — taking care of others, being good neighbors, and remaining independent, frugal, and patriotic all their lives. Mrs. Raikes never had much money, worked hard, and even enjoyed doing a bit of fine ironing for a few good friends up until she reached her 98th birthday! These are the values that are so important to this country, and if we incorporate them into our own lives we will truly honor her memory and keep her alive in our hearts.

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Mr. Plechota grew up in the movie business, and he has seen a lot of films (his all-time favorite remains Gone *With the Wind*, as well as a lot of changes over the years.

So Many Choices

"My father was in the movie business, and we saw all the movies," he recalls, adding, "The business is really different today. Of course, the big change is the multi-screen theatre, offering so many choices to people, and CGI (computer generated images) for special effects has had a lot of impact, especially for special effects with films like *Star Wars*, *Jurassic Park*, *Armageddon*, etc. There are incredible opportunities in visuals and in the sound system through the latest technology.

"People want all these choices," he continues, "and there are lots of movies opening at any given time — five or six a week."

Despite all these choices, however, he points out that the theatres are dependent on movie distributors for films. Theatres cannot always get exactly what they want or obtain a specific movie at the time they want it.

"You're at the mercy of the film-maker. You can only exhibit what is being produced and what they'll let you have," he explains.

A Specialty

"For example, we can't always get the foreign films. We weren't able to get *Life Is Beautiful*, one of the most popular films now, until very recently. In fact, there are not as many foreign films as in the past, and often there are limited prints. They'll open in New York or California, see how they do, and then decide whether to make more available.

"Nevertheless, one of our specialties is that we try to get art and foreign language films when we can for our audiences."

Mr. Piechota also points out that things keep changing. Movies are typically in a theatre four to eight weeks, some only one week, and then eventually go to video. Of course, blockbusters, such as *Titanic*, can stay much longer.

But forecasting a hit is tricky, he notes. He goes to screenings in New York, and says that audiences are unpredictable.

"You can't always count on stars to sell a movie, either. You just never know. Sometimes, the public may just be more in the mood for a comedy, an adventure, or a romance. Right now, our most popular movies are *Life Is Beautiful* and *Shokespeore in Love*.

"Over the years, our biggest hits have been *Star Wors*, *Titonic*, *Jaws*, and *Indiano Jones*."

Doing his best to please the customers is the major part of Mr. Plechota's job, and this is an ongoing challenge.

"We get lots of regular customers — they come every week and we recognize their faces. Most are really pleased, but we also get the full variety of complaints," he says, with a smile.

Too Intense

"People will call up and ask why we don't have such and such film, or 'I didn't like the last film I saw'. They'll say the theatre is too hot or too cold, the sound is too loud or not loud enough, or they don't agree with the film's rating. One day someone came out and complained that the person next to him had fallen asleep and was snoring! You get everything."

Also, he adds, the impact of some films can be too intense for some people. For example, one viewer passed out during the exceedingly graphic battle scenes of *Saving Private Ryan*, and help had to be summoned. Incidents such as this are rare, however.

Montgomery Cinemas' customers are not generally big eaters at the movies, says Mr. Piechota. "Popcorn and soda are the most popular, but our customers seem to want to watch the movie more than eat. Even so, we do big-time cleaning. We clean and vacuum every day. We want the theater to be as nice as possible.

"This is a great business," he adds. "It really pleases me when people come out and say how much they enjoyed a film and thank us for playing it. It's also nice when people cheer at the end, as in *Rocky* or *Apoffo 13*, or when it's a comedy, and the audience all laughs together. It's nice when it's something people can all share together.

"We will continue trying to get the best movies for our audiences, including some of the more upscale and foreign films when we can, and offer a good mix. We're a nice small local theater, with a good location that is convenient for people, and I think they appreciate this."

Montgomery Cinemas is open every day, with matinee prices at $4.25, evenings at $7. Gift certificates are available. 924-7474.

MOVIE MAGIC: "We try to offer both a selection of upscale and artistic films and family and mainstream movies for general audiences. A nice variety." Bob Piechota, owner of Montgomery Cinemas, enjoys providing customers with a wide selection of movie choices.

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It is something we all have to do, however, and according to James A. Vito, D.M.D., who practices at 9 Vandeventer Avenue, with the proper attention and care, both by dentist and patient, it should become a far less daunting experience.

"*Proper* attention and care" are the key words.

"We as dentists have to be educators," explains Dr. Vito. "If people are properly motivated, they will try to take better care of their teeth. Oral hygiene, such as correct flossing and brushing, are crucial to good dental health."

As he points out, it is the formation of plaque and tartar that can later plague people with problems, all the way from cavities to gum disease to bone loss.

We Will Meet

"Plaque, if allowed to accumulate, creates holes in the teeth, and if left unchecked, can create loss of bone. Electric tooth brushes, fluoridated mouth rinses, and fluoridated toothpastes are adjuncts we can offer people to improve overall home care.

"I have to stress that proper flossing and brushing are the key. The way you floss, the way you brush are very important. Basically, if you keep things clean, you won't have a problem. If you don't keep things clean, we are going to meet."

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Vito offers family, reconstructive, and implant dentistry. He received post graduate training in two dental disciplines: Periodontics, the diagnosis and treatment of gum disease, and Prosthodontics, the diagnosis and treatment of decayed and/or missing teeth. He is also trained in the surgical placement and restoration of dental implants.

He has been practicing since 1987, first in Philadelphia, and in Princeton since 1991.

Many Options

Patients experiencing gum disease or who are missing teeth can face extensive treatment, but Dr. Vito points out that there are many options today, from restorations, such as crowns and inlays to bridgework and implants.

"It's not as common to have teeth removed today as it was in the past," he explains. "But if removal is necessary, now people can have a dental implant, a titanium substitute for the missing root of the tooth, which can then be restored with a crown.

"To have a patient, who feels there is no hope for their teeth and that they are faced with an ugly-looking prospect, and to take that person along methodically and restore the health and function of their mouth and achieve an aesthetic result that the patient is pleased with — this is something I am proud of.

"Also," he adds, "there is no doubt that patients can be nervous in the beginning because they see the problem and the amount of work as daunting. Once I explain what the problem is and what it entails, it becomes understandable. They can see hope for their situation, and relax somewhat. I try to take some of the mystery out of their dental concerns."

For people who are especially fearful or who face extensive treatment, Dr. Vito can also provide general anesthesia, under the care of an anesthesiologist.

He also offers patients an illustrated booklet with information on the many new innovative techniques, materials, and equipment in dentistry today. Containing before and after pictures of actual patients' treated, it is instructive and helpful.

"We try to show the results of several common dental problems," says Dr. Vito. "We give information, tips on prevention, and it can really offer people hope if they do find themselves in dire straits. We also keep them informed about new information, such as how periodontal disease affects the elderly, those with heart disease, and pregnant women."

Dr. Vito treats all ages. He notes that gum disease can occur at any age, and that although cavities are not as prevalent as they used to be, they can become more of a problem as people age. There are now new techniques available, however, and in cases where the cavity is small enough, air abrasion can be used instead of the dental drill.

Virtually Pain-free

"It sandblasts the tooth, and is virtually a pain-free experience," says Dr. Vito.

Fillings are done differently today, too, he adds. There are different alternatives depending on the situation.

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"Amalgam (silver) is still used in certain cases, but bonding, a tooth-colored filling, is used more now. The tooth serves as a matrix to hold the filling, and the bigger the hole, the more complex the filling," he explains.

"The less tooth structure present, the more demands that are placed upon the restoration to support not only itself but the remaining tooth structure, as well. Then you would need inlay or crown restoration."

Other dental procedures available at Dr. Vito's office are teeth whitening (bleaching), and aesthetic contouring of the teeth, with cosmetic bonding or porcelain veneering.

A full range of periodontal treatment, from non-surgical gum therapy to bone regeneration procedures, is offered, as is complete implant dentistry and prosthodontic procedures, from crowns to natural-looking dentures.

During a patient's initial visit ($160), Dr. Vito does a thorough evaluation. "We take a comprehensive approach. We evaluate the health of the gums and the health of the teeth with X-rays and a clinical exam, and then develop a treatment program," he explains.

And as he emphasizes, the patient plays an important role in the health of his or her teeth.

"We try to get our patients to become very proactive in their oral health care. This includes regular brushing and flossing and having one's teeth professionally cleaned three to four times a year. If one follows this routine, then one's dental problems should be kept to a minimum."

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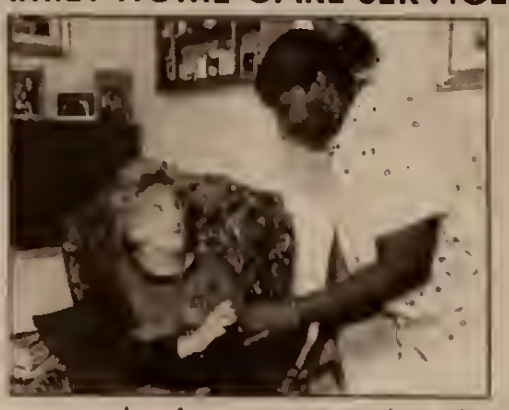

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THEATER REVIEW

Politics & Passion, Butterflies, Seagulls & Lost Letters Grace the McCarter Stage in "Two Sisters and a Piano"

Nilo Cruz's *Two Sisters and a Piano* is set in Cuba in 1991 in the home where the two title characters, one a writer and one a pianist, are living under house arrest. The translucent walls of the house fly in and out, reflecting changes in the mood of the play and the sisters' feelings of liberation and imprisonment, but the stage remains surrounded on three sides by beautiful blue sky.

The back wall of the house is covered with seagulls, representing freedom; dozens of letters between the older sister and her exiled husband, most of which never reach their destination, are attached to the front wall scrim: upstage right a flight of seagulls ascends.

The setting, depicting the two sisters' hopes and dreams as much as it depicts their actual residence, is both poetic and realistic. It is full of paradox, like almost every aspect of Mr. Cruz's play, which is currently seeing its world premiere at McCarter Theatre, after public and private readings and a three-week development workshop at Robert Redford's Sundance Theatre Institute.

Though the oppressions of Cuban politics constitute the primary subject matter here, the mood of *Two Sisters and a Piano* is lyrical and uplifting. It is the story of Maria Celia (Ivonne Coll), a writer whose husband has fled Cuba and is working to bring his wife out too, and Sofia (Marissa Chibas), the younger sister, a pianist who is full of life, romance and dreams.

Maria Celia has written to Castro, urging him to embrace *perestroika*, which is transforming the Soviet Union, and she has a book that the Cuban government describes as "anti-revolutionary bourgeois propaganda" about to be published in France.

Far too outspoken, too insistent on writing and saying what they believe, the sisters have been recently released from prison, and the Cuban government is attempting to silence them through house arrest. Guards pay regular visits, control all mail in and out, and use various other means to assert their control over Maria Celia and Sofia.

The women's plight becomes more complicated with the arrival of Victor Manuel (Gary Perez), the piano tuner, whom Sofia quickly becomes infatuated with, despite insurmountable barriers and dangers in pursuing a relationship. The persistent lieutenant who is guarding them (Bobby Cannavale) falls in love with Maria Celia, and uses her husband's romantic letters that he has confiscated to win her over.

Both the youthful infatuation of Sofia for the piano tuner and the deeper, more desperate desire, born of longing for her husband, that eventually overcomes Maria Celia, are doomed to unhappy failure. Both relationships evolve with conviction, humor and poignancy.

Study in Contrasts

The characters of the two sisters are a rich study in contrasts — both fully three-dimensional, highly dramatic and utterly believable in their individuality, in their hopes and needs and despairs.

Ms. Coll, a native of Puerto Rico and a seasoned Broadway, off-Broadway, film and television actress, has created a powerful and memorable figure in this outspoken, strong-willed character, full of both political and sexual passion.

Ms. Chibas, the only member of this cast involved in the Sundance Theatre Lab workshop production of *Two Sisters*, plays an irresistibly charming, vibrant and poetic Sofia. Ms. Chibas is currently composing a solo performance piece based on the life of her Cuban revolutionary father.

HOUSE ARREST: Ivonne Coll as Maria Celia and Marissa Chibas (looking on in the background) as Sofia endure house arrest in 1991 Cuba under the guard of Bobby Cannavale as the lieutenant in Nilo Cruz's "Two Sisters and a Piano" at McCarter Theatre through March 7.

As Lieutenant Portuondo, Mr. Cannavale effectively portrays both the harshness appropriate for the repressive position he holds and also the softness, romance and charm that temporarily deceive Maria Celia — and the audience too — into thinking his humanity might transcend his political situation. Gary Perez is warm, amusing and ingratiating as the piano tuner, a light note in the play and a promising romantic interest for Sofia, to round out this talented, experienced, carefully selected cast.

Mark Wendland, currently represented on Broadway with *Death of a Salesman*, designed a beautiful, multifaceted and flexible set, lit evocatively by Mimi Jordan Sherin. Her poetic and powerful lighting design uses a varied, colorful palette to capture and reflect the shifting moods of the drama.

Music composed by Mark Bennett and sound design by J.R. Conklin, most often presenting Sofia's piano playing, contribute significantly in expressing her emotions and the varying moods of the play.

Under the direction of Brian Kulick, an Artistic Associate at The Public Theatre in New York, *Two Sisters and a Piano* floats along — between jolts of political brutality — like the billowy clouds that surround the stage. The lyricism of the language, the staging and the music make Mr. Kulick's direction seem like an elaborate and skillful — almost dream-like — choreography of the four characters and the many visual and auditory production elements.

Two Sisters and a Piano will play at McCarter Theatre for two more weekends, through March 7. Call 683-8000 for show times, reservations and information. The play will move to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark for six more performances, March 10-14.

Mr. Cruz, whose play, *A Pork in Our House*, premiered on McCarter's Second Stage three seasons ago, received a 1998 Kennedy Center Fund for New American Plays Award for *Two Sisters and a Piano*, which he expanded from its first incarnation as a 30-minute radio play. The rich characterization of the two sisters, the engrossing clash of politics and the human heart, and the captivating theatricality of this production make the additional 100 minutes well worthwhile.

Mr. Cruz has been labeled a magical realist, and, for whatever such labels are worth, this play undeniably abounds in both realism and magic. As the playwright explained in a recent interview, "No matter how harsh a reality is, my characters are always looking for a way of escaping that reality, and I find that in *Two Sisters* that happens with the character of Maria Celia trying to escape through her writing, and her sister Sofia through playing the piano. No matter how bad things are, their spirits — and their libidos — are so strong, they always find a way of pulling out of that reality."

—Donald Gilpin

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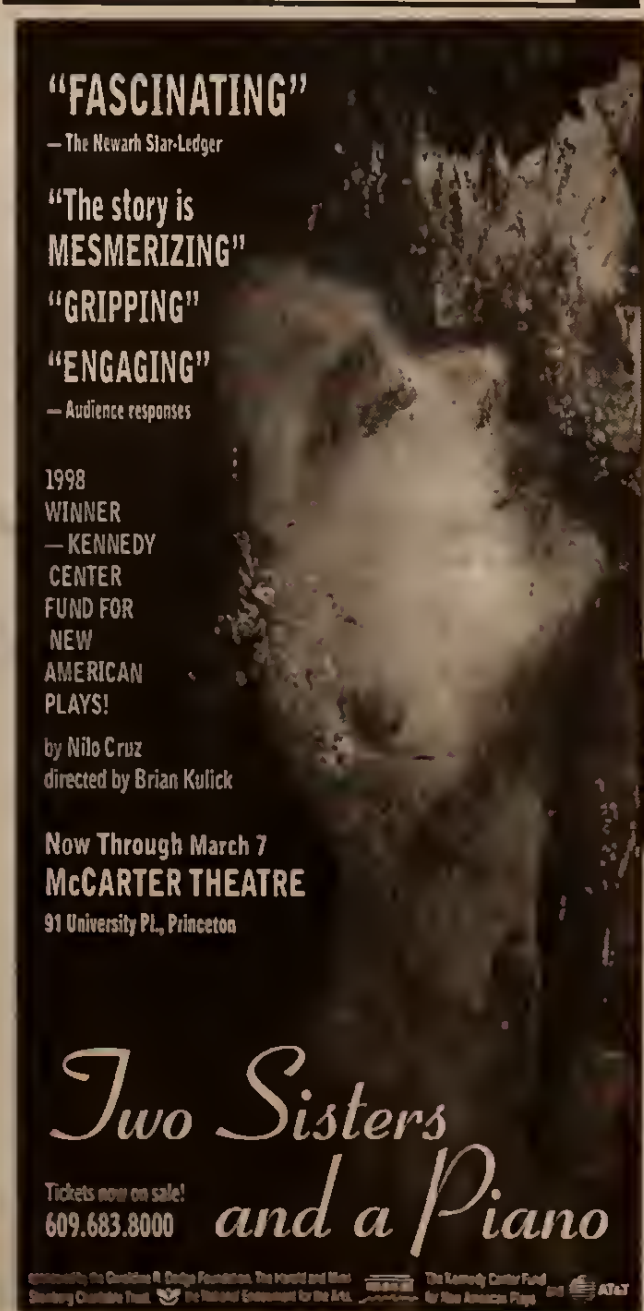

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Bach Festival Scheduled to Return After 10-Year Absence

After an absence of ten years, the Princeton Bach Festival will return to Nassau Presbyterian Church Friday, March 5 through Sunday, March 7.

The Adult Choir, Choirs of Children and Youth, Concerto Soloists of Philadelphia, organist George Ritchie, and a quartet of vocal soloists will explore the vast treasures of Bach's instrumental music, cantatas, and organ works with a weekend of great music.

Kenneth B. Kelley, Director of Music at Nassau Presbyterian Church said, "Bach was the consummate church musician; what he wrote was for the church, and it's exciting to present his music to the community."

The centerpiece of the 1999 Bach Music Festival will be "An Evening of Cantatas" on Saturday, March 6 at 8 p.m., which will be performed by the church's 50-member Adult Choir, the Concerto Soloists of Philadelphia, and vocal soloists. Admission is $10 per person.

Vocal soloists include soprano Tamara Matthews, who is rapidly rising to the forefront of the music world as one of its most promising talents; mezzo-soprano Lindsey Christiansen, a specialist in Bach Cantatas; tenor Scott McCoy, a guest artist with many symphonies; and bass-baritone William Walker, who made his Carnegie Hall debut in 1990 performing Mozart's *Requiem* with the New York Philharmonic.

The festival will also feature a free all-Bach recital by organist George Ritchie on Saturday, March 6 at 4 p.m. Dr. Ritchie is head of the organ department and Scribante Professor of Organ at the School of Music of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

William Walker

Other free events scheduled for the 1999 Bach Festival include a concert by an impromptu, intergenerational orchestra made up of members and friends of Nassau Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendees may join the orchestra or the audience to enjoy orchestral settings of several famous Bach works accompanied by a narrative about life with the composer.

The weekend will conclude with two Worship Services on Sunday, March 7 that will feature the music of J.S. Bach.

The festival will also feature the Nassau Brass, a quintet featuring two trumpets, French horn, trombone and tuba, playing Bach Chorales on the steps of Nassau Presbyterian Church twice during the weekend.

Nassau Brass will perform on Saturday, March 6 from 7:30 to 8 p.m. prior to that evening's concert, and again on Sunday, March 7 from 10:30 to 11 in between the worship services.

The 9:15 a.m. worship service will feature the chorale sections of Motet No. 3, *Jesu Meine Freude*, sung by the Senior High Choir and treble singers from the children's choirs. The 11 a.m. worship service will be based on the order of worship used by Bach's St. Thomas Church in Leipzig in the early 18th century.

Lindsey Christiansen

The Adult Choir and the Concerto Soloists of Philadelphia, joined by soprano Tamara Matthews, mezzo-soprano Lindsey Christiansen, tenor Scott McCoy and bass-baritone William Walker, will perform Cantata No. 137.

Nassau Presbyterian Church is located at 61 Nassau Street. For more information, call 924-0103.

University Orchestra Offers Mindlin Memorial Concert

The Princeton University Orchestra, under the direction of Michael Pratt, will perform the annual Stuart B. Mindlin Memorial Concerts on Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6 at 8:00 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium. The concerts honor the life of Orchestra member and longtime Princeton resident Stu Mindlin who died in 1988.

The two concerts will feature winners of this year's Princeton University Orchestra Concerto Competition, Alice Huang '99 and Andrew Luse '02. They will perform the Concerto for Two Pianos in E-flat, K.365 of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

After intermission, Mr. Pratt and the Orchestra will perform Gustav Mahler's monumental Symphony No. 1 in D minor. "Mahler's first symphony," said Mr. Pratt, "is one of the most memorable and beloved works of late German romanticism. Full of the yearnings of a passionate young man, it is a wonderful work for a young orchestra, although technically very challenging. The stormy finale climaxes in an unforgettable sunburst of radiance from the enormous ensemble."

Tickets for the performances, priced at $12, $5 for students may be purchased at the Richardson Auditorium Box Office 258-5000.

Meryl Tankard's 'Furioso' To Be Danced at McCarter

Australia's Meryl Tankard has won legions of enthusiastic fans worldwide with *Furioso*, a thrilling aerial dance-theater work. Now on its first United States tour, Meryl Tankard Australian Dance Theatre will bring *Furioso* to McCarter Theatre on Tuesday, March 2 at 8 p.m.

In *Furioso*, dancers soar through the air to music by Arvo Pärt, Elliot Sharp and Henryk Gorecki, arcing and twisting in a performance of athletic drama and complex sensuality.

In this aerial dance theater piece, the male dancers remain earthbound while their female counterparts dance suspended in mid-air.

Meryl Tankard, formerly a principal dancer with Pina Bausch's Tanztheater, was appointed Artistic Director of Australia's longest running modern dance company, The Australian Dance Theater, in 1993. Since then, she has transformed dance in Australia.

Tankard's company made its U.S. debut with *Furioso* in 1996 as part of the Brooklyn Academy of Music Next Wave Festival. The New York Times called *Furioso* "A fiercely emotional mating rite, its choreography colored by raw physicality."

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One of only six students of the legendary Vladimir Horowitz, Mr. Fiorillo will describe his studies with Horowitz and perform works by Bach-Busoni, Beethoven, Brahms, and Chopin.

Mr. Fiorillo made his debut at the age of 12 as a soloist with Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra. He has received a number of awards, including the Concert Artists Guild Award, the Leschetizky Debut Prize, and the Rockefeller Foundation Award.

He is professor of music at Temple University College of Music. In addition to teaching, he has performed with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Chamber Symphony, the Zagreb Philharmonic, the Curtis String Quartet, and the Temple Trio, of which he was a founding member.

Tickets are $10, $15, and $20. Call 258-5000.

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MOZART AT WESTMINSTER: Students, from left, Stephen Ziegler, Jeremy Galyon and Igor Viera will be featured in the Westminster Choir College Opera Theatre's performance of Mozart's opera "La Clemenza di Tito" in February and March in The Playhouse on the campus of Westminster Choir College.

'La Clemenza di Tito' To Be Staged 4 Times By Opera Theatre

Westminster Opera Theatre will present four performances of Mozart's opera *La Clemenza di Tito* in February and March.

To be held in the Playhouse on the campus of Westminster Choir College, the performances are scheduled for Saturday, February 27 at 8 p.m.; Sunday February 28 at 6:30 p.m.; Friday, March 5 at 8; and Saturday, March 6 at 8.

Director Amy Hutchison has staged the production in the contemporary world of organized crime. Sung in English, the opera is a tale of the Roman Emperor Titus, those who plot to overthrow him, and his willingness to pardon his enemies despite their treachery.

Having directed past Westminster Opera Theatre productions of *Xerxes*, *Dido and Aeneas*, *Die Zauberflote* and *Much Ado About Opera*, Ms. Hutchison will also direct this year's Opera Festival of New Jersey production of Barab's children's opera *Little Red Riding Hood*.

Last autumn she staged the premiere of Virko Bale's one-woman opera *Klytemnestra* at Merkin Concert Hall in Manhattan. She is the associate director for the Sendak/Corsaro production of *Hansel and Gretel*, which she has also staged for Houston Grand Opera, Opernhaus Zurich and Canadian Opera.

Westminster Opera Theatre features undergraduate and graduate students at Westminster.

Many of its members have gone on to important opera careers, including mezzo-soprano Jennifer Larmore, who will perform the title role in *Julius Caesar* at New York's Metropolitan Opera in April; soprano Norah Amsellem, who opened last year's Met season as Micaela in *Carmen*; and Emily Magee, who sings the role of Elsa on the recently released recording of the Berlin State Opera's production of Wagner's *Lohengrin*.

In this production, Patrick Schmidt performs the title role of Titus. Dawn Kunkel and Aubrey Adams share the role of Vitellia; Lucie Ewing and Leah Wool are Sesto; Laura Shaw and Wendy Eggers are Annio; Emily Ross-Johnson and Kelliann McCullough are Servilia; and Igor Viera and Jeremy Galyon are Publio.

Music director for the production is Westminster professor J. J. Penna, a frequent collaborator with artists at Westminster, who was music director for Westminster's production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* in December.

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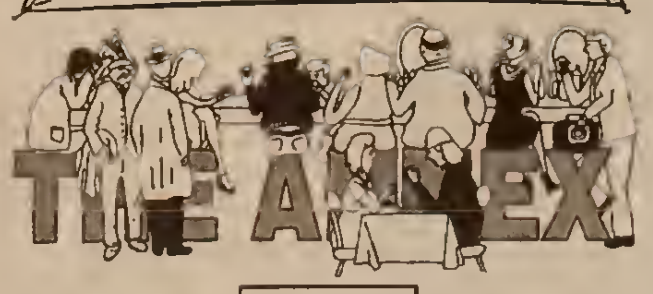

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Rededication Concert Set at War Memorial On Sunday, March 7

The Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra will present a special War Memorial Rededication Concert in a pair of performances on Sunday, March 7, at 3 and 7 p.m. at the newly renovated Trenton War Memorial.

This concert will kick off a week-long series of rededication events that will include subsequent performances by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and Boheme Opera New Jersey. Tickets, priced from $15 to $30, are available and can be ordered by calling 394-1338.

Conductor John Peter Holly will be joined by guest artists Jerome Hines and the Westminster Choir - Schola Cantorum for a commemorative program featuring music by Beethoven, Aaron Copland, Howard Hanson and Tchaikovsky, that will pay tribute to the contributions and sacrifices of America's war veterans.

A special feature on the program will be the participation of 100-year-old World War I and II veteran Charles D. Carleton Sr., who will narrate the poem, "In Flanders Field," to the accompaniment of Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings*.

The program will open with a ceremonial Presentation of the Colors accompanied by a lyrical fanfare for orchestra by Michael Conway Baker. *The Stor Spangled Banner* will follow, sung by the Schola Cantorum Choir of Westminster Choir College.

A work that is traditionally performed at the opening of concert halls throughout the world, Beethoven's *Consecration of the House Overture*, continues the GTSO's rededication theme.

Heather Buchanan

Basso Jerome Hines will sing Laurence Binyon's poem, "For the Fallen," in a musical setting by composer Michael Sammes. The text of this brief but deeply moving poem is inscribed in stone in the exterior of the War Memorial above the building's Ballroom entrance.

The Westminster Schola Cantorum, conducted by Heather Buchanan, will then perform the concluding movement of Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pocem*. Aaron Copland's *Lincoln Portrait* concludes the first half of the program, with Mr. Hines narrating the words of Abraham Lincoln.

The second half of the program will open with Howard Hanson's cantata, *Song of Democrocy*, sung by the Westminster Schola Cantorum. The program will conclude with choir, full orchestra and artillery accompaniment joining forces for Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*. An encore of Sousa's *The Stars and Stripes Forever* is also planned.

This event is the first public concert to take place at the newly-renovated War Memorial since it was officially reopened by Governor Whitman in January of this year.

MUSIC REVIEW

Young Pianist Gives Stirring Concert Filled with Stiking Nobility and Grace

Riding a wave of first prizes in prestigious Young Artist competitions in the U.S. and Europe, pianist Alexander Mikhailuk gave a stirring concert at Richardson Auditorium last Thursday evening. This Princeton concert precedes by 12 days the Ukrainian native's New York debut, which is likely to launch a long, successful performing career.

Although Mikhailuk performed with striking nobility and grace on Thursday, in some numbers his playing lacked the fiery brilliance, dazzling contrasts, and bold interpretations of the mature virtuoso he promises to become.

The concert began with an excellent rendering of Shostakovich's Prelude and Fugue in D Minor from Opus 87. The fugue highlighted Mr. Mikhailuk's ability to draw out his melodies, to caress and shape them in an unhurried, relaxed manner. The mood of wistful regret that Mr. Mikhailuk evoked in this section had a lovely lingering effect, even in the quicker, more acrobatic closing section of the work.

In the next two numbers, Schubert's Impromptu in B-flat Major (Op. 142, No. 3) and Chopin's Sonata No. 3 in B Minor (Op. 58), Mr. Mikhailuk erred on the side of mildness and introspection, almost playing more for himself than for his audience. In the Impromptu, his fingers danced effortlessly on the opening theme, with its simple purity and innocence. But, riding the soft pedal during most of the succeeding variations, he never let Schubert's theme become intense and dramatic.

In both the Schubert and Chopin, Mr. Mikhailuk exhibited admirable command of the difficult technical maneuvers, and he never abandoned his lyrical melody-making. These two works need only more fervency and depth to become acclaimed parts of Mr. Mikhailuk's repertory.

Technically Demanding

Busoni's transcription of Bach's Chaconne from the Partita in D Minor (BWV 1004) can bring just about any performer out of his shell — that is, if he has the technique to keep up with it. Fire and brimstone one moment, angelic serenity the next, Mr. Mikhailuk proved up to the task technically, and lacked only a certain breadth of vision and execution in bringing the variations into a compelling whole.

Mr. Mikhailuk concluded his program with three movements from Stravinsky's *Petrouchka* (transcribed for piano by the composer). The most effective of the three movements was the middle one, entitled "Petrouchka." Mr. Mikhailuk scampered flawlessly through the puppet's nervous arpeggios and pounced energetically on the sudden forte bursts of anger and despair.

Audience members demanded an encore and got one. Mr. Mikhailuk gave them Liszt, showing a final time the lyrical gift that should propel a remarkable career.

—Linda Tyler

Student Recital Planned By Friends of Music

Three students enrolled in the Princeton University Music Department's Certificate Program in Musical Performance will present a recital on Sunday afternoon, February 28, at 3 in Taplin Auditorium in Fine Hall.

Trumpeter Mark E. Ellis and clarinettist Charles A. Sillo, both seniors, and pianist Christine McLeavey, a sophomore, will offer a program of works by Kent Kennan, Johann Nepomuk Hummel, Gerald Finzi, and Joseph Horovitz.

As with all events sponsored by The Friends of Music at Princeton, the recital is free.

Hungarian Music To Be Offered Here

Westminster Conservatory will present the second in its 1998-99 Musical Heritage series of concerts Sunday, February 28, at 4 p.m. in Bristol Chapel on the campus of Westminster Choir College.

Continuing this season's focus on the music of Hungary and its influences on composers and performers throughout the world, the program will include solo piano works by Franz Liszt, *Hungorion Fantasie* for flute and piano by Francois Doppler, and songs by Bela Bartok and Zoltan Kodaly.

The Musical Heritage Series is coordinated by Luba Sindler, a member of the faculty at Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster Choir College. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased by calling 921-7104.

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Musical Showcase Of New Jersey Artists Set in Montgomery

On Sunday, February 28 at 4 p.m., Montgomery Cultural Center's 1860 House will celebrate the state's artistic talent with a showcase of excerpts from two musicals written and performed by New Jersey artists.

The scenes and musical numbers to be presented are from *The Dybbuk of Harlem*, by Hanna Fox and the late Malcolm Dodds, and *Fools' Porodise* by Jim Paul and Ken Schmidt.

For *The Dybbuk of Harlem*, Ms. Fox and Mr. Dodds drew from their respective Jewish and Baptist backgrounds to create the musical, which explores the reactions of two middle-class families when confronted with their teenagers' interfaith, interracial love affair.

Composer Malcolm Dodds' 97-year-old mother will come from the Bishop Francis Mugevero Center in Brooklyn for the occasion, which will pay a special tribute to Mr. Dodds. The Showcase will present three scenes, including ten musical numbers, in a staged reading, performed and directed by New Jersey artists.

Elinor C. Lamont, of Lawrenceville, is director, and Rita Z. Asch, of Princeton, is musical director and accompanist. She also wrote additional music.

Ms. Fox has been teaching fiction writing techniques at the Princeton Adult School for several years. She has received New Jersey Council on the Arts, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, and Vermont Studio Center fellowships.

Malcolm Dodds (1929-1996), a multi-talented musician, wrote musical scores for movies, theater and documentaries. He was vocal arranger/vocal director for the Broadway production of Duke Ellington's *Sophisticoted Ladies*.

Mr. Dodds composed, arranged and conducted music for many award-winning commercials, the most familiar being "Look for the Union Label," for the ILGWU. In 1990, he directed an original Black History month presentation at Princeton High School.

The program will also include Ned Rorem's *Four Diologues for Two Voices ond Two Pianos* performed by pianists Ms. Clarfield and Ms. Livingston and lyric soprano Diana Livingston and tenor Scott McCoy.

Another collaboration will feature Ms. Clarfield and Ms. Livingston joined by pianists Marvin Keenze and Scott McCoy in performing Leon Roques' *Overture de Tonnhouser* for two pianos and eight hands.

Montgomery's Cultural Center 1860 House is located at 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman, north of Rocky Hill off Route 206. For information or directions, call 921-3272.

Duo Pianists, Singers Will Celebrate The Piano and Voice

Duo pianists Ingrid Clarfield and Lillian Livingston will present a recital entitled "A Celebration of Piano and Voice" Saturday, February 27 at 8 p.m. in Bristol Chapel on the campus of Westminster Choir College.

Joined by guest artists Marvin Keenze, Rita Chen Kuo, Diana Livingston, and Scott McCoy, they will perform works illustrating the array of ways in which piano and voice may be used to convey an artist's vision.

Ms. Clarfield and Ms. Livingston will perform two works which feature many familiar and popular songs — *Puccini Medley*, based on themes from Giacomo Puccini's operas, by Mary Sallee and *Fantosy on George Gershwin's "Porgy ond Bess" by Percy Grainger*.

Another highlight will be the world premiere of arrangements of three Taiwanese songs for one piano six hands, which will be performed by Ms. Clarfield and Ms. Livingston with the composer, Rita Chen Kuo.

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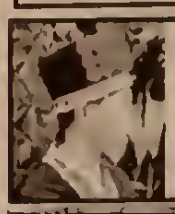

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Tiger Tennis Coach David Benjamin To Retire in 2000

Princeton University varsity men's tennis coach and director of tennis David Benjamin has announced he will retire from coaching after the 1999-2000 season.

Benjamin, one of college tennis' most successful and influential coaches for the past 25 years, also serves as executive director of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) and will continue with those duties after he leaves coaching.

"Dave's retirement will bring to a close one of the most successful coaching reigns in the Ivy League," Gary Walters, Princeton's director of athletics, said. "As a player Dave was the quintessential scholar-athlete; as a coach at Princeton, Dave recruited players in his own image and chiseled their tennis games and character equally, producing players and a program that makes the greater Princeton community proud."

Benjamin's tenure at Princeton began in 1974 with him as the youngest member of the Athletic Department and will conclude at the millennium with him as Princeton's most senior coach in years of service.

His current coaching record stands at 323-143 (with an Ivy League record of 173-42) — one of the most successful in NCAA Division 1 tennis. Never finishing with a losing record, Benjamin has guided seven teams to Eastern Collegiate Tennis Association titles and seven to Eastern College Athletic Conference titles.

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His 1979 and 1980 teams were ranked in the Top Ten of the final national collegiate rankings — the only Ivy League teams ever to attain a final Top-Ten ranking. Recent years have seen continued success as his Tiger teams have qualified for the NCAA championships four times since 1994.

A number of his Princeton players achieved outstanding tennis success, both in college and afterwards. Jay Lapidus '81 was ranked No. 1 in college tennis his junior year and went on to a world professional ranking of No. 32.

Lapidus' teammate and doubles partner, Leif Shiras '81, who was also an All-American, reached the semifinals of the NCAA singles championship, the round of 16 at Wimbledon and was ranked as high as No. 31 in the world as a pro. The late Ted Farnsworth '84 won the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in 1983 — an accomplishment that went unequaled by an Ivy League player for 16 years.

Past Princeton players John Hayes '77 and Steve Meister '80 also held high professional rankings. Stanford, UCLA, Southern California and Benjamin's Princeton are the only schools in the nation to hold the distinction of having at least four players at the same time in the main draw of the U.S. Open singles championships.

Friends of Tennis

Under Benjamin's direction, the Friends of Princeton Tennis (one of the first coed Friends programs) has raised more than a million dollars to help support the tennis programs, in addition to major donations for the quadrennial Marx European Tour for the men's and women's teams, the building of the Lenz Tennis Center and the Hodgman/Anawalt Lounge at Jadwin Gymnasium.

In addition to his tennis coaching, Benjamin, who received his undergraduate degree from Harvard College (1966), a master's degree from Cambridge University and a Ph.D. from Harvard University in the history of American civilization, taught an American literature course for the English Department at Princeton. He coached the Tigers' men's varsity squash team for four years (1974-78), compiling a 36-1 record and four national titles.

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Wednesday, February 24

12:30-1 pm.: Organ Concert, Douglas H. Frew, Church of the Savior United Methodist, Canton, Ohio; Princeton University Chapel.

8 p.m.: Township Zoning Board, Valley Road Building.

Thursday, February 25

4:30 p.m.: Lecture, "The Shape of the River," Former Princeton University President William G. Bowen; Woodrow Wilson School, Robertson Hall, Dodds Auditorium.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board, Valley Road Building. Special meeting.

7:30 p.m.: Joint Recreation Board, Main Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Schools Personnel/Policy/-Legislation Committee, Valley Road Building.

8 p.m.: Borough Zoning Board, Borough Hall.

8 p.m: *Two Sisters ond a Piono*, by Nilo Cruz; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 8, Saturday at 4 and 8:30, Sunday at 2.

8 p.m.: *The Mousetrap*, Theatre Intime; Hamilton Murray Theatre, Princeton University. Also Friday and Saturday at 8.

Friday, February 26

12:30 p.m.: "Inness and Haseltine: American Painters in Italy," Princeton University Art Museum Gallery Talk, by docent Anne Florey. Also on Sunday at 3.

Saturday, February 27

10 a.m.-6 p.m.: Beanie Babies Collectibles Show & Sports Card & Memorabilia Show, Forrestal Village Food Court, Route 1 at College Road West. Also, on Sunday, from 11 to 5.

11 a.m.: "Cats' Claws and Bean Runners," Princeton University Art Museum Children's Gallery Talk, by museum docent Katherine Sartarelli.

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The cost to residents is $4; non-residents pay $5. For more information, call 921-9480.

3 p.m.: Kenny Rogers in Concert; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: *Le Triomphe de l'Amour*; Unitarian Universalist Church, Cherry Hill Road and Route 206.

8 p.m.: Piano recital, Ingrid Clarfield and Lillian Livingston; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Glee Club Spring Concert; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: "A Celebration of Piano and Voice"; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

9 p.m.-midnight: Cafe Improv; Arts Council, 102 Witherspoon Street.

Sunday, February 28

2 p.m.-2:45 p.m.: Winter Storytelling Series, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street; with Luray Gross and Julie Della Torre.

4 p.m.: "Hungarian Music and Its Influences"; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Monday, March 1
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Tuesday, March 2

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council, Borough Hall. Work Session.

8 p.m.: *Jolson Sings Again*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday at 7, Thursday through Saturday at 8, Sunday at 2 and 7.

8 p.m.: *Ali*; Crossroads Theatre Co., New Brunswick. Also Wednesday through Friday at 8, Saturday at 3 and 8, Sunday at 3 and 7.

Wednesday, March 3

12:30-1 p.m.: Concert, Rebecca Myers, '99, soprano, Princeton University; Princeton University Chapel.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Charter School Board of Trustees, 575 Ewing Street.

8-10:30 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive.

Thursday, March 4

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board, Township Municipal Building.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*; Theatre Intime, Hamilton Murray Theatre, Princeton University. Also Friday and Saturday at 8.

8 p.m.: *Two Sisters and a Piono*, by Nilo Cruz; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 8, Saturday at 4 and 8:30, Sunday at 2 and 7:30.

Friday, March 5

12:30 p.m.: "Oriental Rugs in Italian Renaissance Paintings," Princeton University Art Museum Gallery Talk, by Dorothy M. Shephard, visiting assistant professor, Pratt Institute. Also, on Sunday at 3.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium. Also Saturday at 8.

Saturday, March 6

11 a.m.: "From Sea to Shining Sea: American Music in Art," Princeton University Art Museum Children's Gallery Talk; with museum docent Anne Florey, and Princeton Pro Musica Chamber Chorus, Frances Fowler Slade, director.

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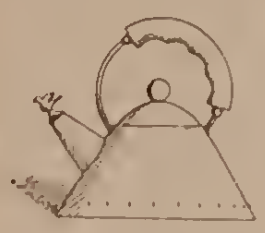

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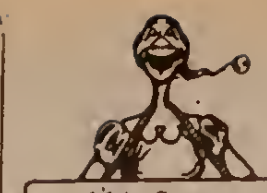

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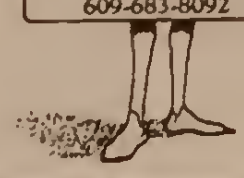

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PENELOPE'S WEB: This emulsion transfer on handmade paper, "Penelope's Web by Night," is part of an exhibition that will open at the Gallery at Bristol-Myers Squibb on February 28. Members of the Princeton Artists' Alliance have taken Homer's "Odyssey" as their inspiration and have created work in diverse media for the show, which will run through April 4. Call 252-6275.

Exhibits

An exhibition entitled "Homer's Odyssey: Princeton Artists Alliance," will open at the **Gallery at Bristol-Myers Squibb** on February 28. A reception honoring the artists will be held on opening day, from 3 to 5.

The 26 artist members of the Alliance came up with the idea of creating reflections on Homer's epic poem about Odysseus' travels.

Inspired by a recent translation of the Odyssey by Robert Fagles, Arthur W. Marks '19 Professor of Comparative Literature at Princeton University, the artists approached the project individually, using their own artistic media. The result is a diverse exhibit that reflects the unique qualities of each artist.

Approaches range from neo-realistic to abstract, from expressionistic to symbolic and philosophical. Some artists illustrated familiar episodes from the poem in a realistic manner; others used a more abstract approach. The lines of poetry to which each work refers will be indicated.

The Artists' Alliance (PAA) was founded ten years ago by professional artists seeking

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opportunities to expand as a group. Current members are Joanne Augustine, Anita Benarde, Dorothy Wells Bissell, Jane Eccles, Clem Fiori, Susan Hockaday, Margaret Kennard Johnson, Nancy Lee Kern, Lore Lindenfeld, and Elizabeth L. Lombardi.

Also, Pat Martin, Charles McVicker, Lucy Graves McVicker, Harry I. Naar, Bar-

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FRANZ RETROSPECTIVE: Andreas Franz, former chair of the PDS industrial arts department, with the cherry bench he designed and constructed for his retrospective exhibit, currently at Princeton Day School's Anne Reid Art Gallery. For more information, call 924-6700.

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EXPLORING A MEDIUM: This image by photographer Owen Luck is part of a 12-person show, "Currents in Contemporary Photography," on exhibit at the Kevin Kopil Furniture Gallery in Lambertville from February 27 through March 27. Sponsored by the Morpeth Gallery, Pennington, the show includes a number of area artists. For information, call 737-9313.

bara Osterman, Mike Ramus, David Raymond, Tina Salvesen, Joy Saville, Jules Schaeffer, Joanne S. Scott, Madelaine Shellaby, Leonid Siveriver, Marie Sturken, William Vandever, and Barbara Watts.

The gallery is located at the Squibb Worldwide Medicines Group, on Route 206, three miles south of Princeton. It is open Monday through Friday, from 9 to 5, Thursday to 7, and weekends and holidays from 1 to 5. For more information, call 252-6275.

A retrospective of work by Andy Franz, former chair of the Princeton Day School industrial arts department, opened on February 16 at the **Anne Reid Art Gallery** at the school. It will run through March 13.

The exhibit includes major pieces of work by Mr. Franz, who retired from teaching in 1998. A number of student pieces are also part of the show, as well as written testimonials about the teacher's impact on students during his 29-year career at PDS.

"For me, Princeton Day School would not be the extraordinary school that it is today without Andreas Franz," wrote former student Alexander Zaininger '77.

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Ms. Santiago is a graduate of Stuart Country Day School. She has an undergraduate degree from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., and M.B.A. degrees from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., and Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y. She is employed as a vice president in the corporate personnel department at the Bank of America, Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. Lamm is a graduate of North Brunswick High School in Leland, N.C., and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is employed as a regional account manager for American Woodmark Corporation.

The couple plans a fall wedding.

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SPORTS

Harvard Upsets Princeton on Saturday; Tigers Are Now One Game Behind Penn

Heading into Saturday's game with Harvard, the Tigers had allowed only Maryland — a top 10 team loaded with NBA caliber talent — to score 80 points against them this season.

Harvard — which is loaded with MBA talent but is below .500 in and out of its league — pulled the biggest Ivy upset since, well, the previous week, and beat Princeton, 87-79, in overtime at Lavietes Pavilion.

Princeton (18-6, 9-2), which was upset by last place Yale on February 12, is now a game behind Penn (18-4, 10-1) heading into the final Ivy League weekend. This weekend, the Tigers and Quakers will both host Cornell and Columbia and, theoretically, should win.

Barring further upsets, the Tigers will have to beat the Quakers at Jadwin on March 2 in order to force a one-game playoff at a neutral site for the Ivy Crown. The Tigers won such a playoff back in 1996. That year Penn beat Princeton twice but lost two other Ivy games and finished with an identical league record. The situation is reversed this year.

Princeton appeared to have put the Yale loss behind it when it beat third-place Dartmouth, 65-51, on Friday. Apparently it had not.

"It looks like it's physical," Princeton's head coach, Bill Carmody, said after the Harvard loss, "but our mental status right now is not good ... the way we're playing, anybody can beat us."

Princeton looked lost as its defense allowed 87 points, the most scored against it in Ivy play since Columbia ran up 92 in 1968. The main culprit was Harvard's senior point guard, Tim Hill, who scored a game-high 27 points and made just one turnover in 45 minutes of play.

King of the Hill

Hill was named the Ivy League Player of the Week in honor of his outstanding performances against Penn on Friday and Princeton on Saturday — the final two home games of his career. Against Princeton, he became Harvard's all-time assist leader.

In Harvard and Princeton's last meeting, Tiger co-captain Brian Earl managed to largely contain Hill. But Earl seemed helpless against his shorter, quicker opponent this time around. Earl's defensive headache may have affected his game at the other end of the court; he scored 17 but shot an uncharacteristically poor 5-for-15 from the floor and made four turnovers.

Gabe Lewullis

"He killed us," Carmody said of Hill.

"Harvard had nothing to lose," Earl said. "This was their last home game and they had a chance to get a little crazy. They got crazy and made shots. They jumped us from the very beginning and we didn't match any of their emotion ... and we got burned."

Princeton led 10-8 early in the first but soon went cold. It lost the lead and stayed behind until late in the second half, when junior forward Mason Rocca put it up, 62-60. At one point in the first half, the Tigers failed to score for nearly seven minutes.

"We never could seem to get it," Carmody said. "Even when we came back, I wasn't happy with the way we did it."

After regaining the lead, Princeton lost it within 15 seconds and barely escaped losing in regulation. Two big shots from senior

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Tiger Basketball

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Chris Young

Gabe Lewullis (who finished with a team-high 20 points and seven rebounds) and a three-point play by Rocca (who scored 15 on the night) delayed the loss for five more minutes.

Princeton seemed to have the advantage heading into the extra period. Harvard's center, Bill Ewing, had fouled out and Princeton's center, 6-foot-10 freshman sensation Chris Young, was having a big day (19 points, six rebounds, four blocks). But Young's teammates were unable to feed him the ball regularly in the extra period, during which the Tigers were outscored by eight.

So Much for Dartmouth

Heading into last weekend, Dartmouth, not Harvard, seemed a likely candidate to upset either Princeton or Penn. Harvard was mathematically eliminated from the league race and was just playing for pride. Yet it beat Princeton and gave Penn all it could handle while losing, 81-76, to the Quakers on Friday .

Third place Dartmouth could have made up ground with an upset of either of the visiting frontrunners, and it could have taken over first place with two upsets.

But the Big Green blew its big chance by losing both games without putting up much of a fight. Princeton beat it by 14 on Friday. And Penn had even less trouble at Hanover, N.H. on Saturday, winning 82-49.

Chris Young scored seven straight points in the second half to spark a nine-point run that keyed Princeton's 65-51 win. He netted 16 points, grabbed six rebounds, dished four assists and blocked three shots in a strong, all-around performance.

Though Young did most of the damage during Princeton's big run, Lewullis started it. On the night, the senior scored a team-high 26 points, matched Young's team-high six boards, blocked two shots and made four steals in 40 minutes. He earned a spot on the league's honor roll with his strong play in both games last weekend.

Princeton came out firing and charged to an 8-2 lead on a backdoor layup by forward Chris Krug and consecutive 3's by Young and Lewullis. Dartmouth started slow but managed to rally, briefly. Shaun Gee gave the Big Green its only lead of the night with a foul shot that made it 31-30 with 2:25 left before halftime. Earl, who shot a perfect 4-for-4 from the line in the first half, put the Tigers back on top from the charity stripe just before the break. Princeton, which has not lost to Dartmouth in four years, led throughout the second half.

Neither Cornell nor Columbia should beat the Tigers, but the same could have been said about Yale and Harvard. Following the Harvard loss, Earl summed up his team's current situation: "There's no telling ... the way we're going we could drop two next weekend."

He put it in a nutshell. The most telling feature of the Tigers this season is that there is no telling what kind of performance they will give on a particular night. They suffered ugly losses to Lafayette and Rutgers earlier in the year, but also won 11 straight games at one point.

And Princetan's inconsistency was never more evident than in its biggest win this season, over Penn in their first meeting. After scoring just nine points, in their worst half of basketball this year, Princeton found itself down 24 points at halftime. In one of the greatest comebacks in NCAA history, it rallied to win by one.

Coming back from a game down this late in the season may seem unlikely, but it is more plausible than erasing a 24 point lead in a half. For good and for ill, this year's Tigers are full of surprises.

BUZZER BEATERS: Chris Young was named the Ivy League's Rookie of the Week, again. He has won the award in six of the last seven weeks during which he has played, including the last three in a row.

Freshman guard Ahmed El-Nokali started his first game Friday in place of sophomore C.J. Chapman, who was suffering from a cyst on his foot. El-Nokali scored five points in 40 minutes and made just one turnover.

Prior to last Saturday's loss, Princeton had beaten Harvard 17 straight times.

This Saturday's game against Columbia, which starts at 7:30, will be broadcast to Comcast Cable subscribers on CN8. At press time, tickets were still available for Friday and Saturday's games.

Tuesday's showdown with Penn at Jadwin is sold out. It will be shown on DirecTV and on Comcast's CN8 at 7:30.

—Albert Raboteau

1999 IVY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Friday, February 19
Princeton 65 - Dartmouth 51
Penn 81 - Harvard 76
Cornell 65 - Brown 64
Columbia 56 - Yale 53

Saturday, February 20
Harvard 87 - Princeton 79(OT)
Penn 82 - Dartmouth 49
Cornell 77 - Yale 65
Columbia 71 - Brown 69

	Ivy			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Penn	10	1	.909	18	4	.818
Princeton	9	2	.818	18	6	.750
Dartmouth	8	4	.667	12	12	.500
Cornell	6	6	.500	11	13	.458
Harvard	5	7	.417	11	13	.458
Columbia	5	7	.417	10	14	.417
Brown	2	10	.167	4	20	.167
Yale	2	10	.167	4	20	.167

Friday, February 26
Cornell at Princeton
Columbia at Penn
Dartmouth at Yale
Harvard at Brown

Saturday, February 27
Columbia at Princeton
Cornell at Penn
Dartmouth at Brown
Harvard at Yale

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Slumping Tiger Hockey Has Four Games Left To Change Direction Before Playoffs Begin

A season that once held the possibility of a first-place finish in the ECAC standings and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament for the Princeton hockey team has now become something of a salvage operation for coach Don Cahoon. The good news is he still has time to turn his Tigers around.

In first place at the end of January, the Orange and Black was swept for the second time in three weeks last weekend, falling to the ECAC's best-at-the-moment, St. Lawrence, 4-1 on Friday and 4-2 to Clarkson 24 hours later. How quickly losses in five of the last six contests have turned a 9-2-1 record into 10-7-1, resulting in a drop from first to fourth place.

Saddled with a three-game losing streak for the first time this winter, Old Nassau has four games left to change direction before the playoffs begin. This weekend it heads to Burlington on Friday night for a rematch with Vermont, and then will hop over to Hanover to take on Dartmouth Saturday evening.

It squeaked by the Catamounts, 3-2, last month in Baker Rink, but fell to the Big Green, 4-2. Both those two are in the lower half of the ECAC standings, but either is easily capable of upending a struggling Princeton sextet, that will still be without defenseman Steve Shirreffs. He'll be back for the final weekend, March 5 and 6, when RPI and Union will come to town on Friday and Saturday nights, but his absence has clearly hurt the team.

With the opportunity to finish first in the ECAC and grab an at-large berth in the NCAA now gone, the obvious goal for the Tigers is to end up in fifth place or higher and receive home ice advantage in the quarterfinal playoff round set for Friday through Sunday (if necessary) March 12 through 14. Clarkson and St. Lawrence are not likely to be overtaken, leaving five teams within four points of each other vying for the remaining three spots (see standings).

However, Cahoon knows better than anyone else it's not where his team finishes, but how. If the Tigers can regain the confidence they displayed throughout the first half of the season, they'll be well positioned to make a good run in the playoffs, no matter what place they wind up in.

That means finding a scoring touch that has disappeared of late. In these last three losses, the Tigers have but six goals to show for their efforts, mainly because they could not set up many good opportunities. They are the only team in the top seven to have given up more goals, 54, they they have scored — 52 in league competition.

"You have to work like crazy to get offensive chances against those two teams [St. Lawrence and Clarkson]," said Cahoon. We are not scoring a lot of goals right now and the

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ECAC HOCKEY

Friday, February 19
St. Lawrence 4 Princeton 1
Clarkson 8 Yale 2
Colgate 6 Harvard 2
Cornell 4 Brown 1
Dartmouth 5 Union 2
RPI 5 Vermont 2

Saturday, February 20
Clarkson 4 Princeton 2
Colgate 3 Brown 2
Harvard 5 Cornell 3
RPI 8 Dartmouth 3
Vermont 5 Union 0
Yale 3 St. Lawrence 3 (OT)

	ECAC				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T	
Clarkson	15	3	0	30	18	9	1	
St. Lawrence	13	2	3	29	18	9	3	
Rensselaer	11	6	1	23	18	9	1	
Princeton	**10**	**7**	**1**	**21**	**15**	**9**	**1**	
Colgate	9	7	2	20	14	10	4	
Cornell	8	7	3	19	11	11	3	
Yale	8	7	3	19	10	12	3	
Harvard	8	10	2	14	11	12	2	
Vermont	6	10	2	14	12	13	2	
Dartmouth	6	11	1	13	10	14	1	
Brown	3	11	4	10	7	13	5	
Union	1	15	2	4	3	22	3	

This Weekend's Games

Friday, February 26
Princeton at Vermont
Brown at Clarkson
Colgate at Union
Cornell at RPI
Harvard at St. Lawrence
Yale at Dartmouth

Saturday, February 27
Princeton at Dartmouth
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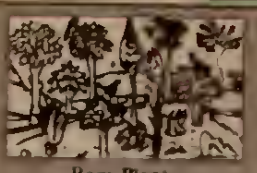
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Tiger Hockey

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mistakes we made are glaring mistakes. The team played okay both nights, but not good enough."

Saints March to Victory

Watching Princeton play St. Lawrence Friday night brought back memories of the 1980's when the prospect of a Tiger victory seemed remote. It wasn't that the Orange and Black was playing badly, it's just that the Saints looked so much in control of the flow of the game.

The only bright spot for the Tigers came just 43 seconds into the contest when Chris Corrinet scored, assisted by Darren Yopyk. That opened and closed Old Nassau's scoring for the evening.

WATCH THAT PUCK! Tiger goalie Nick Rankin watches as the puck slides past a partially open net in second period action Saturday night in Baker Rink. Clarkson beat Princeton, 4-2, running its winning streak to 11.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

It only took the visitors 62 seconds to tie the game and another two minutes later they scored the only other goal they would need soon after freshman Rob Chisholm had been sent off the ice for holding.

There was no more scoring until the beginning of the third period. The Saints made it 3-1 just 34 seconds into the third, and capitalized on another power play opportunity for their fourth goal at 14:48. Dave Stathos stopped 27 of 31 shots, but lost his second straight game.

"I thought it was the best we played in two months," said Cahoon. "There are games we get beat and games we win that I am annoyed after. We play hard like this, we will win games. We can build off this."

Clarkson Completes Sweep

The following night any hopes of building off the St. Lawrence game vanished in front of a Clarkson team that came to town riding a 10-game winning streak. To Princeton's credit, it stayed with the Golden Knights through two periods of play, before mistakes doomed the Tigers.

The visitors opened the scoring midway through the first on a power play, and the Tigers answered that shortly thereafter when they were a man up. In a textbook example of how to score with an extra man, Jeff Halpern sent the puck to Syl Apps behind the net and he found Benoit Morin in front for the put-away and a 1-1 tie.

Penalties continued to exact a price, and two minutes later it was Princeton's turn to pay. With Ethan Doyle off for a holding penalty, Clarkson managed to push the puck past goalie Nick Rankin, knocking him flat on his back when he could not freeze the puck in the crease.

The Orange and Black had an answer for this in the second when Brad Meredith managed to sweep the puck into the net from 15 feet away while sprawled on ice with the Clarkson goalie. That tied the game at 2-2.

But Princeton had no response for two goals by the Golden Knights with a span of 1:48 in the third. The first came when the puck was stolen from a Tiger defenseman. The second came when freshman Josh Roberts' shot was blocked at the blue line by Mike Reid, who then scored on the subsequent breakaway.

Rankin stopped 34 of 38 shots, and looked better than he did in his last outing against Cornell, when he allowed seven goals on 35 shots in 2½ periods. Princeton's problem was that it managed just 21 shots on Clarkson goalie Shawn Grant.

"We are at a point right now where the team that makes the fewest mistakes wins games," said Cahoon. "It is playoff-like hockey. We made two big turnovers in the third period."

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LAST SHOT BLOCKED: Justin Leith and Robert Farina blocked this last ditch attempt by St. Benedict's Shane West to win the game with just a second or two left on the clock. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

upset over Lawrenceville, that it pulled off just two weeks ago. Of course, the Big Red will be the team looking for revenge this time out. With a 13-12 record, PDS will not finish with a losing record, continuing a streak that has lasted 10 years.

Princeton Day began tournament play a week ago Wednesday with an easy, 64-46, triumph over Blair in the quarterfinals, mirroring a regular season win over the Buccaneers by a similar score. This one was over after the first eight minutes, which saw PDS jump out to a 24-4 advantage. Shoaf led the way with 19 points, six steals and five assists. Leith tallied 18.

Leith, by the way, has been selected as a candidate for the 1999 McDonald's all-American high school basketball team. He is one of 1,500 outstanding players nominated by the McDonald's selection committee. That puts him in the running to be one of the 20 players chosen to the team.

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PDS Upset Victor Over St. Benedict's In Prep Semifinals

Can the Princeton Day basketball team beat Lawrenceville twice in one season?

If the Panthers can do it, they'll win their first Prep A title in a long time this Wednesday when the two meet at Wardlaw-Hartridge. PDS earned the right to meet the Big Red, when it upset top-seeded St. Benedict's, 64-63, last Saturday in the semifinals.

Never mind that the Gray Bees had whipped the Blue and White, 83-44, in the first meeting between the two earlier in the season. Coach Alan Taback's troops had something to prove.

"They killed us the first time we played, and we wanted to prove that we were a much better team than that," commented Justin Leith, who tied for scoring honors with 19 points.

"I think they took us for granted," added Brendan Hart, who shared scoring honors with Leith, and playing his best game of the season. Hart hit a couple of three-pointers in the second period, when St. Benedict's looked ready to pull away. Instead PDS made up a five-point first period deficit, and took a 27-24 lead at the half.

The contest was nip and tuck the rest of the way, and wasn't decided until the final seconds. Ted Shoaf, who collected 14 points, drove for the basket with 25 seconds left, and the Panthers down by one, 63-62. His shot missed, but Leith jammed in the rebound to put PDS up by a point. St. Benedict's had chances to score in the time remaining, but could not, as Leith blocked a last-ditch shot by Shane West, a transfer from PDS to St. B's last year.

So now all Taback's team has to do is duplicate a 61-56

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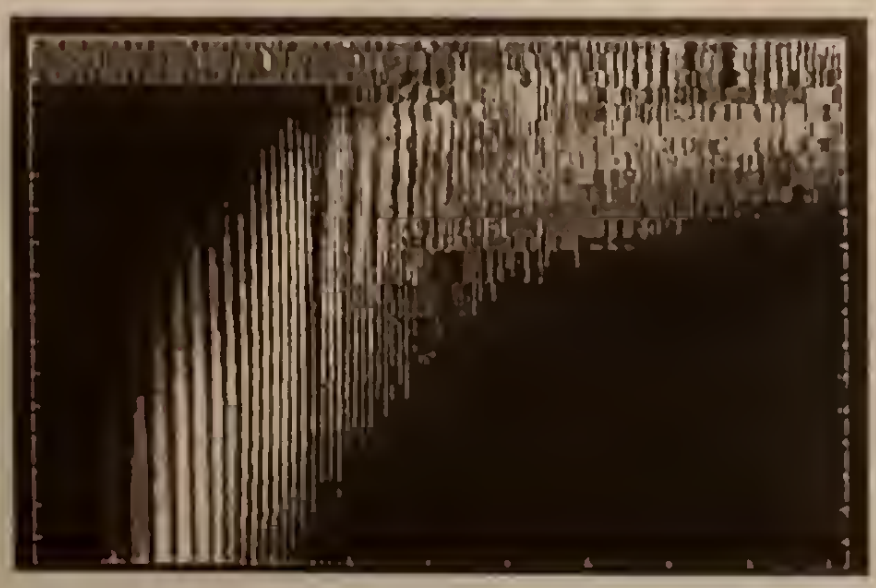

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WE DID IT: Members of the Princeton Day basketball team celebrate after their stunning, 64-63, upset of St. Benedict's in the semifinals of the Prep A Tournament last Saturday. The Gray Bees had beaten the Panthers by 39 points in their first meeting. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

PDS Sextet Aiming To Win Tournament, And 20 Victories

The final week of play has arrived for the Princeton Day hockey team, and the Panthers, 17-2-1, are on the verge of accomplishing just about everything they set out to do in December.

A stirring 2-1 triumph over Seton Hall Prep last Wednesday, has put coach Chris Barcless' team in position to be ranked number one in the state by the Dorf Services. The ranking will come this week , and will not include Lawrenceville, which is not included because it occasionally uses post-graduate players. The Big Red handed PDS one of its two losses this season.

The remaining four games will give Barcless the opportunity to reach another goal that he missed last season, when PDS finished 19-4. He would like to lead PDS to a 20-victory season for the first time ever. And, of course, the Panthers have their sights set on capturing their own tournament for the second year in a row this weekend (see box).

Prior to the tournament, the Blue and White was scheduled to face LaSalle College High School on Tuesday. The game was postponed by snow on January 8. On Thursday, PDS will be on the road against Upland; it whipped this team 8-0 at home to open the season in December.

Just 32 Shots

Last Wednesday found close to 300 spectators at Lisa McGraw Rink for the much-anticipated match-up of Princeton Day and Seton Hall Prep. What they saw was a tightly contested game, with neither side willing to take too many chances on offense. The two teams produced only 32 shots on goal between them, 17 for PDS and 15 for SHP.

This produced no scoring through the first two periods of play, the first time this season that had happened to PDS. However, it did call for some good work by goalie Armand Buzantian, who made a couple of key saves in the first two periods.

Not surprisingly, defensive lapses finally opened the way to some scoring. Craig Weissman intercepted a clearing pass in the Seton Hall end and fired a slapshot past the goalie to give PDS a 1-0 lead with 8:39 left in the period.

What proved to be the winning goal came less than three minutes later on an even bigger mistake by the Pony Pirate defense. Mark Blatterfein was merely intent on dumping a shot into the Seton Hall zone from just past middle ice, but the puck caromed off the stick of a defenseman standing alone 10 feet in front of the goal, hit the stick of the unsuspecting goalie, and settled into the net.

That goal loomed large when Seton Hall beat Buzantian for the first and only time a couple of minutes later. The loss was the first for Seton Hall in 20 games; it has tied one also.

Forty-eight hours later the Panthers sailed through a ho-hum affair with Academy of New Church, winning 10-2. Believe it or not the Blue and White was briefly tied with ANC at 1-1 early in the first, before pulling away. By the time the visitors got their second goal it was 9-1.

It was time for everybody to pad his point total, and Brian Avery had the most success, with two goals and three assists. John Denise piled up four points with two goals and two assists, and Weissman had a pair of goals. Others scoring included Alex Nanfara, Matt Riepenhoff, Mark Webb, and Richard Crowley.

PDS Hockey Is Ready For Its Tournament

After not having won its own tournament for 13 years until last season, the Princeton Day hockey team will try and win two in a row.

Set for this Saturday and Sunday, with games intermingled with those of the Panther girls tournament, the boys tournament will feature the same opposing teams as last year. On Saturday, Wyoming Seminary will face off against Brunswick at 3, and Germantown Academy will meet PDS at 7. The consolation round will be at 9:30 on Sunday, the finals at 1:30.

A year ago, PDS shutout Germantown in the first round, 3-0, and knocked off Brunswick, 3-2, to win the tournament for the first time since 1985.

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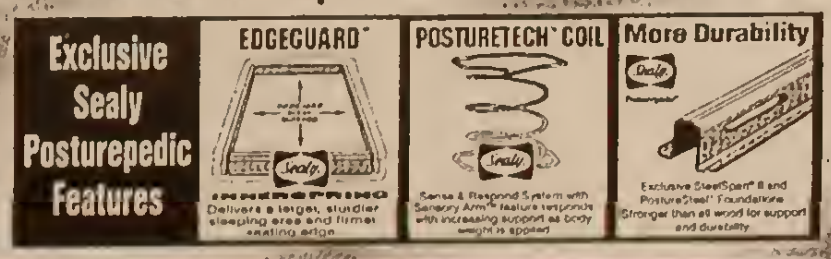

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PDS Girls' Basketball Ends Season With Loss

The Princeton Day girls' basketball team traveled to Blairstown for the second time this season, and returned with the same result.

Playing in the quarterfinals of the Prep A tournament, the Panthers were beaten by Blair, 48-25, a defeat not much different than the 41-24 one in December. The contest marked the end of the season for the Blue and White, which finished with a 7-13 mark.

Unable to score in double figures in any quarter, Princeton Day fell further behind at the end of each period. Tracey Spinner led the Panthers' scoring with 10 points.

The team will lose Anne Jamieson, Ann Schorling and Sean Merriweather to graduation, but the two top scorers, Spinner and Page Schmucker, will both return.

PDS Girls' Hockey Beats Big Red Again; Tournament Is Next

As its best season ever continues to get better, the Princeton Day girls' hockey team has one more goal to achieve: winning its own tournament set for this Saturday and Sunday at Lisa McGraw Rink.

The Panthers, sporting a record of 15-1, will face the Morristown Colonials, one of the better girls' club teams in the state this Wednesday, as a prelude to the two-day event. Heidi Herms' skaters are looking to win these last three, and finish with an 18-1 record, and there is no reason to suppose they can't do it.

Unfortunately, they will be denied a chance to gain revenge for the one loss they have suffered all season, a 4-3 defeat by Pelham in early January. Scheduled to play in the tournament, Pelham dropped out. The Panthers will meet Holton Arms at 5 p.m. Saturday in the first round, while the NJ Devils and Rye Country Day will meet at 1 p.m.

Winners will advance to the championship game, set for 11:30 Sunday; losers will have to get up and be ready to play at 7:30 in the morning. The tournament is being run concurrently with the boys' tournament.

Further evidence wasn't needed, but last Wednesday, Princeton Day proved for the third time this season that it is a better team than Lawrenceville. Despite the fact that the Blue and White had won the Prep Championship over the Big Red just four days before and might be in for a letdown, this 5-1 triumph was the most decisive of the three.

The incomparable Lauren Welsh, whose arm was still not 100 percent after being checked into the boards by Lawrenceville's Karla Lyons, led the way with a hat trick as she has so many times this season.

Welsh scored the lone goal of the first period with just 20 seconds left, lifting a shot into the upper corner of the net from the top of the slot. Alex Koerte assisted on the play.

Lawrenceville tied the contest at 1-1 midway through the second when goalie Sharon Herbert made her only mistake of the game, allowing the puck to slide under her glove. Otherwise she was perfect, stopping 27 of 28 shots. The tie lasted exactly 51 seconds. Laura Gosnell and Stacey Orr set up Welsh, who slipped in a short backhander from right in front of the net.

That was all PDS would need, but the Panthers continued to outplay the Big Red. Welsh and Gosnell assisted on a goal by Alley Welsh with 5:20 left, and then Lauren Welsh completed her hat trick, converting a pass by Steph Friedman.

As time wound down in the third period, Lawrenceville's frustration at PDS's season-long superiority became evident. At one point it had three players in the penalty box, a rare occurence in a girls' contest.

Courtney Riepenhoff seized the opportunity in the two-man advantage and scored the final goal unassisted, skating around the back of the net and beating the Lawrenceville goalie to the short side.

Lewis School Honors Special Soccer Players

The Lewis School recently honored several members of its 1998-99 soccer team, which finished with a record of 6-6.

The following players received awards: Michael Ostrowski (leadership), Paul Mayo (commitment and dedication), Jaclyn Davidson (team spirit), Madison Willis (most Improved), Michael Miller (most valuable player), Keegan McDonald and Charles Pisano (heart and hustle).

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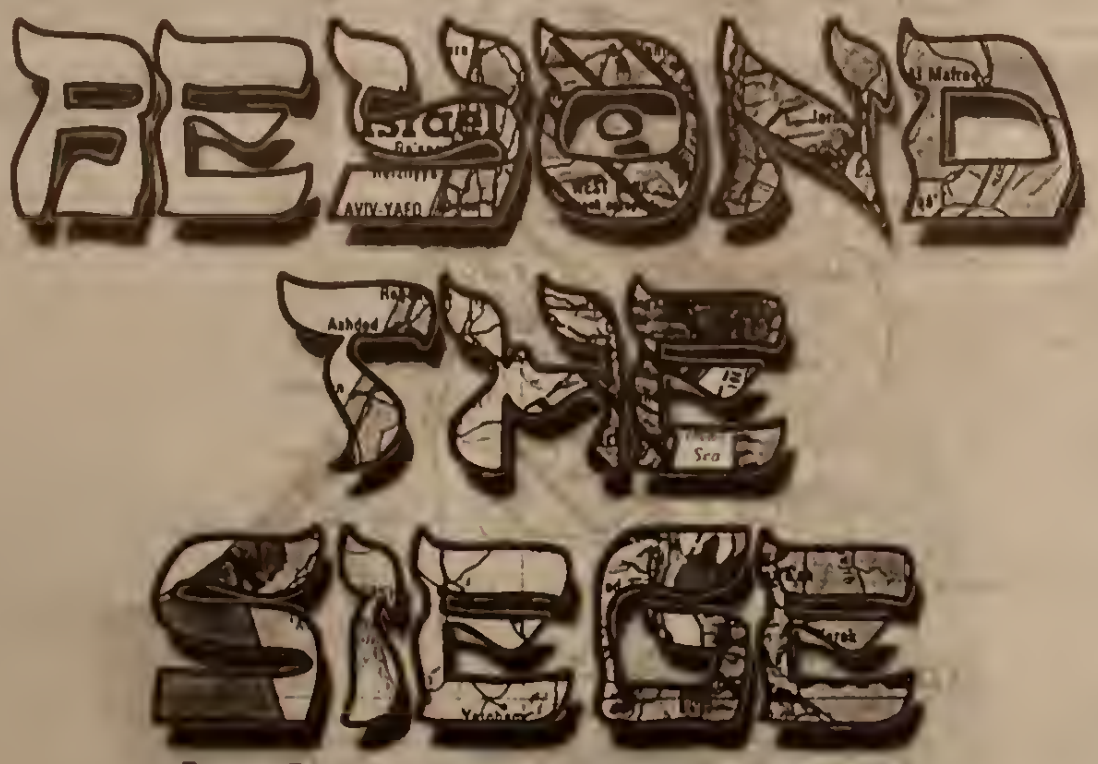

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LOOKING TO THE LOW POST: Aaron Levy tries to pass into the paint during the Tigers' loss to Notre Dame on Friday.

PHS Boys' Basketball Wraps Up '98-99 Season

Princeton slipped to 3-19 by losing its final three games of the regular season last week.

The Tigers' 68-38 home loss to Notre Dame on February 19 was sandwiched between road losses to Hopewell Valley (66-52 on the 16th) and Delaware Valley (53-32 on the 20th).

At DelVal, PHS senior Noah Scovronick scored a game-high 20 points. Bobby Davison was next in line with five; no other Tigers had more than two. PHS scored 11 points in the third quarter but could muster no more than eight in the first, second or fourth.

Notre Dame put its host away early with an 18-4 run in the opening period. PHS lessened the deficit by three in the second period, but collapsed in the second half and was outscored 41-22 over the last 16 minutes.

Emotions ran high on both sides during the game. Both teams were assessed double technicals in an ugly second half.

Notre Dame outdid Princeton from the line as it did from the floor. For the game, it made 19 free-throws to Princeton's five. Scovronick scored a team-high 12 points. Fellow senior James McDermott added seven.

Princeton hung with Hopewell Valley for three periods before falling victim to a 25-13 run by its hosts in the final quarter.

Aaron Levy led PHS with 17 points, including two 3-pointers; Bobby Davison added 12; Dan Dobin had nine; and Linwood Marshall netted seven. Hopewell Valley's Brad Billmeier led all scorers with 26.

Princeton led by one after eight minutes but was down by three at the half. Trailing by four at the start of the fourth period, the Tigers were within striking distance. But the Bulldogs had more fight down the stretch.

PHS Girls' Basketball Loss Streak Reaches 20

Maybe they peaked too soon. After beating Lawrence in their season opener on December 18, the Tigers lost all 20 of their remaining games.

Most recently, PHS fell at home, 50-25, to Hopewell Valley on February 16 and lost, 74-25, at Notre Dame on the 19th.

Princeton scored just two points in the first quarter and six in the first half against Notre Dame, which led by 28 at the break. The Irish kept up the pressure in the third, during which they outscored the Tigers 21-6.

Princeton scored over half its points (13) in the fourth quarter. Raswell Reed scored 12 points to lead the Tigers. Notre Dame's Karen Bolster netted a game-high 20. Siblings Melanie and Michelle Campbell combined to give the winners 21 more points.

Kelly Cramp scored a game-high 16 points to pace Hopewell Valley as it lapped Princeton. Princeton was doomed almost from the beginning; it was outscored 20-4 in the opening quarter.

The Tigers improved in the second, during which they narrowed the deficit by a point. But PHS struggled in the third and began the final quarter down 44-21.

The Bulldogs had a 6-4 edge over the last eight minutes of low-scoring play. They finished with twice as many points. Raswell Reed led the Tigers with 10 points. Alyssa Shell was next in line with five.

Princeton Boys' Hockey Knocked Out of Counties

After Hopewell and Princeton battled to a scoreless draw over four periods on February 17, it seemed unfair and anticlimactic to decide the game with a penalty shootout.

But a tie was no option, since it was a Mercer County Tournament game, and the winner had to face the victor of the next day's game between Notre Dame and Steinert.

Hopewell earned its spot in the semifinals — at press time Tuesday it was playing Notre Dame — by outscoring Princeton, 3-2, in the shootout.

With the win, the Bulldogs avenged their 2-0 loss to the Tigers on February 1. That game, arguably the biggest victory of the 1998-99 campaign for PHS, put the Tigers in position to qualify for the state tournament despite the four early forfeits they received for using an ineligible player during the first month of the season.

Though they were bounced from counties, PHS still has the state tournament to look forward too. It qualified when it reached .500 by beating Hamilton on February 8.

In the county playoff, from start to finish, the two most important players on the ice were Hopewell keeper Matt Altieri and PHS goalie Gordon Wu. Altieri finished with 32 saves; Wu had 26.

Both denied several hard, close-range shots in the game's closing minutes: Altieri blocked a slapshot by Tom Shannon with less than two minutes to go; and Wu frustrated Dan Farr on a breakaway with eight seconds remaining.

Princeton outshot Hopewell 32-27. The Tigers fell to 9-10-1. Hopewell improved to 14-4, and took a 2-1 lead over PHS in the season series.

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Hun Girls' Quintet Bounced From States By Favored Cougars

In its third game in four days, Hun fell to Montclair-Kimberley Academy in the quarterfinals of the New Jersey Independent Schools Women's Athletic Association Prep 'A' Tournament, which was played at Wardlaw--Hartridge on February 20.

Third-seeded Hun led the second-seeded Cougars early. But the favorites rallied to win, 43-35, and earn a return trip to W-H to face Peddie in the finals on February 24.

Hun saw its seven-point halftime lead dwindle to two by the start of the fourth. Montclair-Kimberley outscored the Raiders, 18-10, down the stretch.

Candice Watkins sparked MKA's winning run. She scored 13 of her game-high 19 points in the final eight minutes. Hun's fourth quarter collapse would have led to a bigger loss had its opponent not missed 10-of-16 foul shots late in the game.

Courtney Tierney led Hun with 14 points but was whistled for a technical foul for protesting a non-call midway through the third period. The call was the beginning of the end for Hun, which soon afterwards found itself on the short end of a 7-1 run. Erin Cahill added 8 and Gabi Tuschak scored eight for Hun, which finished its season at 15-11.

On the 18th, the Raiders beat Blair, 42-40, in double overtime in their regular season finale. At Blair, Tuschak scored the winning layup with 15-seconds left.

A short while earlier, her teammate, Pia Duenzl, had made a clutch free throw to even the score. Tuschak and Tierney combined for 38 of

Courtney Tierney

Hun's 42 points, with 18 and 20 respectively. Duenzl's important point was her only one. And Erin Cahill added three to round out Hun's scoring column.

Tierney nailed four 3-pointers. Hun fell behind, 12-4, in the opening period, played its host even in the second, and rallied to tie the game in the second half. It held Blair to just one point in the second overtime period.

Tierney was fighting the flu during Hun's 48-29, Prep 'A' semifinal win over Lawrenceville on February 18. So the senior guard, who is the Raiders' top scorer, was probably grateful to get such strong play from forward Jenna Bryan and center Tuschak, who combined for 12 points and 12 rebounds.

The Big Red focused its defense on Tierney and fellow guard Cahill. But the Raiders' strong play inside freed up the perimeter to a degree. And, despite her flu, Tierney took advantage by scoring a game-high 25 points, including four 3-pointers. Cahill added nine.

Hun charged to a 12-4 lead over the first eight minutes. Lawrenceville pulled within three with four minutes left before the break. The Raiders went on a 7-2 run to close out the period. They outscored their guests, 26-15 over the second half and won by 19.

—Albert Raboteau

PHS Wrestling Team Wins 2 Tough Meets, Falls in State Semis

After beating its closest division rival for the second time this season, you would think Princeton would have a right to celebrate.

Instead, after overcoming an early 24-point deficit to edge Hamilton, 42-36, in the first round of the Central Jersey Group III Team Wrestling Championships, PHS had to face the 12th ranked team in the state less than 30 minutes later.

Some celebration.

Wins by Jon Tipermas (189 pounds) and Jesse Carter (heavyweight) were the only bright spots in Princeton's second match of the afternoon, a semifinal against North Hunterdon which it lost 63-9.

Though they lost twice to PHS, Hamilton tied the Tigers for first place in the Colonial Valley Conference's Valley Division by beating West Windsor-Plainsboro on February 18.

Hamilton also got a piece of the CVC title, which it and PHS share with Nottingham.

The loss to North Hunterdon was the Tigers' most one-sided defeat this year, though in fairness it should be noted that their battle with Hamilton took a lot out of them.

Arnold Kim (130) turned the Hamilton match around by getting a technical fall on Steve Elmer for the Tigers' first win; but he suffered a black eye in doing so. And Mike Kopley (152) had to forfeit his second bout after re-injuring his shoulder in a loss to Hamilton's Anthony Bonelli.

All present got a scare when PHS's John Asmuth (160) strained a muscle in his neck while battling North Hunterdon's Russ Perry. Asmuth was taken out on a stretcher and brought to the Hunterdon Medical Center. He was soon released.

Against Hamilton, Asmuth, Luke Johnson (171) and Jon Tipermas (189) got consecutive pins to put Princeton on top for good.

On February 17 the Tigers won their last regular season match, 30-27, over Lawrenceville. PHS trailed heading into the heavyweight bout. Carter, who is 12-0, won by major decision. Most of his wins have come by forfeit but he has come through whenever he has had too.

The Big Red won the first three bouts. Tony Marchetta (125), Kim, Matt Tracey (135) and Robert Arcaro (140) brought PHS back into the meet with four straight wins. Matt Parker (152), Alberto Marroquin (189) and Roy Williams (215) all won by decision for the Tigers, who improved to 14-3. Lawrenceville fell to 4-6.

—Albert Raboteau

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Hun Boys' Quintet Upsets Peddie In Prep 'A' Tourney

The third time's the charm. After losing twice to Peddie during the regular season, sixth-seeded Hun upset the third-seeded Falcon's on February 17 in the first round of the New Jersey Independent Schools Athletic Association Prep 'A' Tournament.

The win set up a meeting between the Raiders and No. 2 Lawrenceville in the semifinals at Wardlaw-Hartridge on February 20. Hun was unable to pull off a second upset and lost, 54-43, to its prep rival.

Jermaine Jackson, Hun's senior playmaker and leading scorer, had a team-high 20 points in the upset at Peddie. He seemed able to penetrate at will, drew double teams and usually found the open man.

That man was usually Mike Kaplan, who scored 12 of his 16 points in the first half. Kaplan twisted his ankle in the third quarter and was lost for the remainder.

Without his go-to-guy, Jackson started going to the hoop down the stretch. He nailed three 3's in the final period to seal the Falcon's coffin.

Peddie struggled to make shots from outside but could not get many other shots against Hun's 2-3 zone.

Hun accomplished its goal of slowing down the Lawrenceville game. But it could not accomplish much offensively through the first three periods. The Raiders failed to crack double figures in each of those periods and were down, 33-19, at the start of the fourth.

Hun more than doubled its point total while trying to catch up in a fast and furious fourth. It scored 24 points over the last eight minutes, but surrendered 21. With the loss, Hun fell to 8-17. Lawrenceville improved to 19-5. It will play PDS at Wardlaw-Hartridge for the championship on February 24.

—Albert Raboteau

Shorthanded Princeton Loses State Swim Meet

Lawrence avenged its 87-83 loss to Princeton High School earlier this season by beating the Tigers on February 17 by a nearly identical score, 88-82, in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Central/South Public 'B' quarterfinals.

The second meet was a mirror image of the first. Princeton placed first in every event save the 200-free relay; and Matt Hand, Mike Jardin and Joel Ristuccia won multiple events — just like in the earlier meet. But mirrors reverse things like letters and numbers. And the score was reversed this time.

Micah Halsey and Greg Callahan, who usually provide points if not wins for PHS, were away on a school trip. The Tigers could have used them. Lawrence took 19 of the meet's 22 second- and third-place finishes.

The Tigers were handicapped by having only 14 swimmers present. In the only event they failed to win, the 200 free relay, they entered one team to Lawrence's three. PHS fell to 9-2. Lawrence improved to 12-2.

Jermaine Jackson

Hun Hockey Wins First Round Game In County Tourney

Hun took its first step towards winning a third straight Mercer County Tournament title by beating West Windsor-Plainsboro in the first round on February 16.

The Raiders' narrow, 4-2, victory set up a semifinal meeting with Hightstown that was getting under way as TOWN TOPICS went to press Tuesday night.

Hightstown (16-7-1), which lost to Hun in last year's final, earned a chance at revenge by thrashing Lawrence, 9-1, that same night. With its win over WW-P (9-7-3), Hun improved to 9-11.

Fran Cattani scored twice to pace the winners. His teammates, Joe Lorbeck and Andy Mikolasy, added a goal apiece. WW-P, which lost twice to Hun during the regular season, concentrated its defense on the Raiders' top two scorers, forwards Cattani and Lorbeck.

Cattani stung the Pirates for four goals during Hun's 6-2 win on December 10. Lorbeck scored four of his team's five goals during the Raiders' one-goal win over the Pirates on February 3.

With his teammates the focus of so much unwanted attention, it was left to Andy Mikolasy to get the Raiders on the board first. He did so halfway into the first period. Brandon Forant tied the contest 1:15 before the first intermission.

During a Raider power play late in the second, Cattani managed to escape his mark and put his team up 2-1. Then it was Lorbeck's turn. Hun's only senior flicked a wrist shot by Pirate goalie Rob Sardinas-Wyssling with 9:47 to go in the final period.

Tim Firth took the stuffing out of Hun's cushion by scoring from amidst a crowd in front of the Raider goal. WW-P pulled its goalie to get a little more offensive punch in the game's waning moments. Cattani scored on an empty net to seal the win, with 10 ticks left on the clock.

Though Hun is the defending MCT champion, Hightstown may have a psychological edge. The top three scorers from last year's Hun team graduated. And the Rams beat the Raiders, 4-2, in their most recent meeting, January 13.

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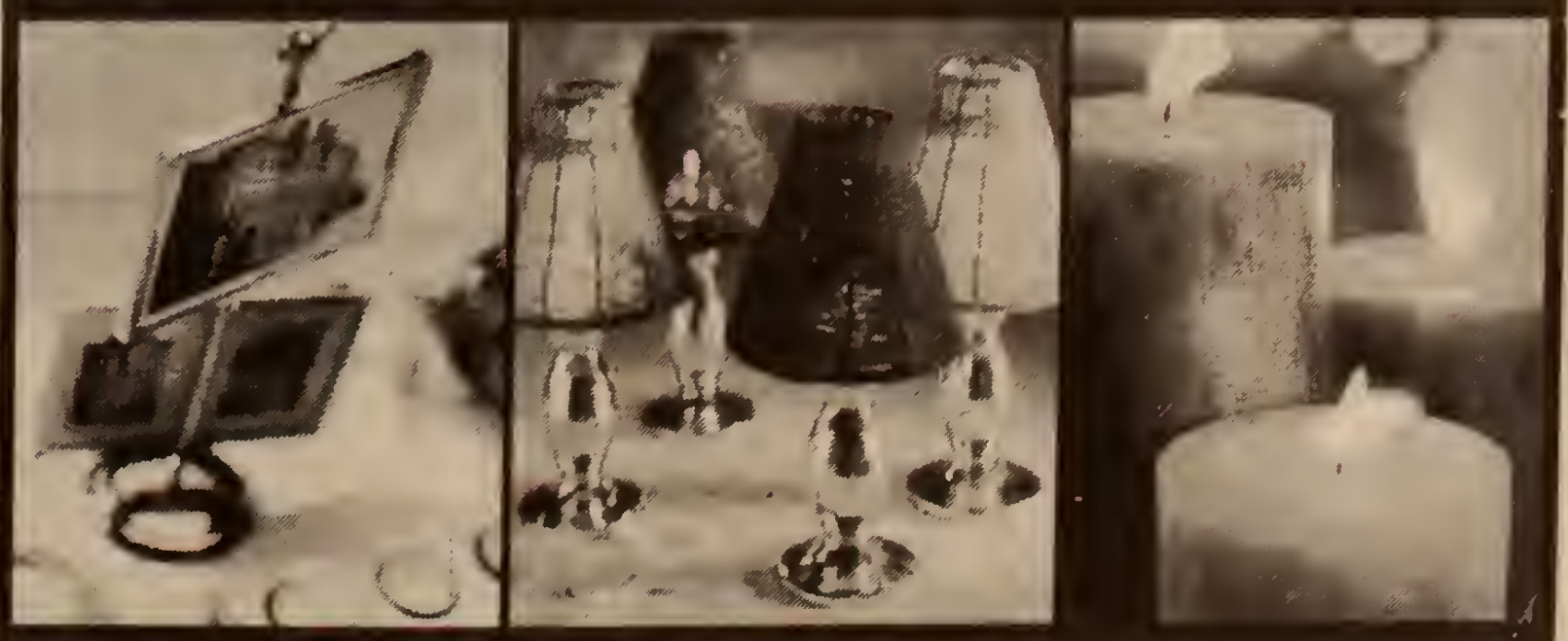

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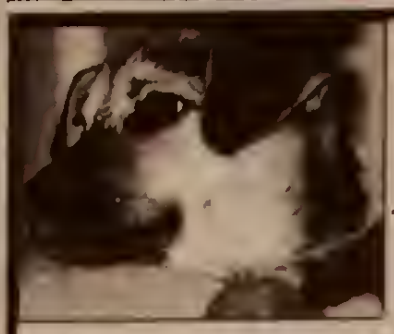

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Rev. Cardell to Speak At Unitarian Church

The Rev. Nicholas Cardell, Unitarian Universalist Minister Emeritus from Syracuse, N.Y., will be the guest speaker at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 50 Cherry Hill Road, on Sunday, February 28.

In his sermon, "In the Smithy of Our Souls," he will address the theme of social justice and spirituality; relating to that theme his involvement in the School of the Americas (SOA) and the activity that led to his arrest at Fort Benning, Ga. He will speak at both worship services, at 9:15 and 11:15.

Rev. Cardell, an outspoken critic of the SOA at Fort Benning, was arrested at the SOA in November 1997 and charged with criminal trespass. He was sentenced to a $3,000 fine and six months in jail.

At his trial, he described a visit he made to El Salvador in 1993, where he said be saw evidence of massacres, assassinations, imprisonments, and torture of citizens by soldiers trained largely at SOA.

Friends Meeting Plans Lecture on N.J. Slavery

The Quaker Settlement at Stony Brook, a committee of Princeton Friends Meeting, invites the public to a lecture by Jean R. Soderlund on "Slavery, Freedom and the Concept of Race in Quaker New Jersey."

Prof. Soderlund's lecture will build upon her earlier work on how Quaker Monthly Meetings developed a ban on slave-holding among members.

A professor of history at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., Prof. Soderlund has written about women in early America, especially Quaker women in the middle Atlantic region.

The meeting will take place Sunday, February 28, at 3 p.m. at Princeton Friends Meeting House, 470 Quaker Road.

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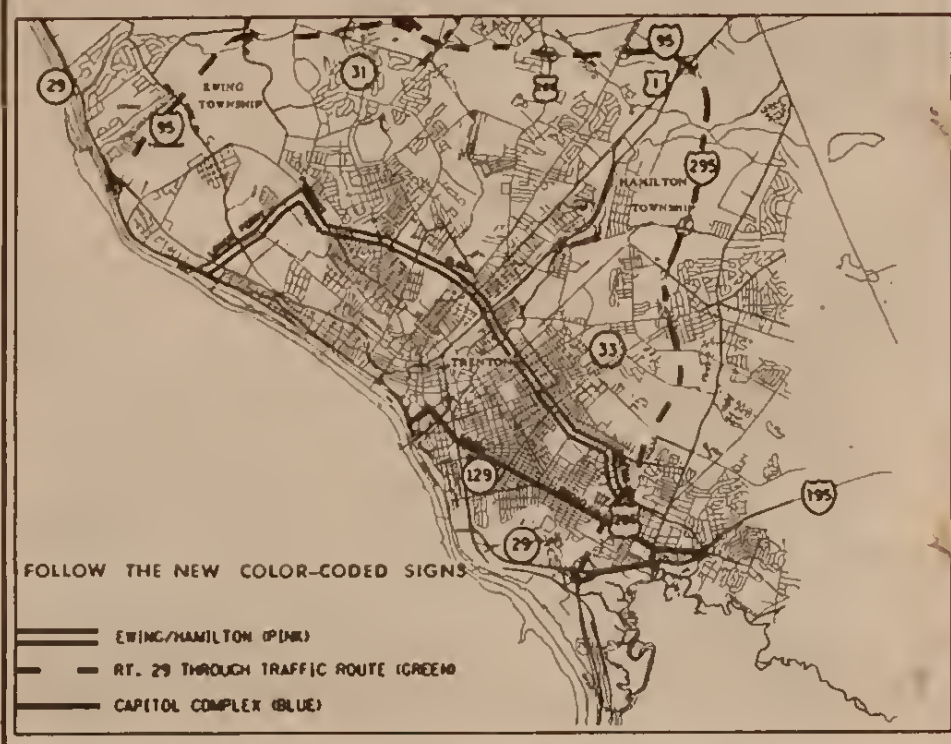

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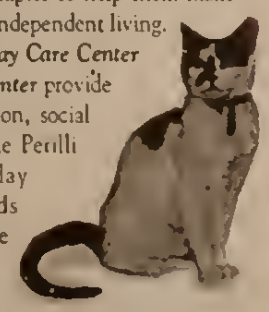

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NOW A SMALL GRASSY FIELD, Shirley Court will soon hold six new units of affordable housing. They will be contained in two buildings that will face each other across a central courtyard.

Affordable Housing

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man David Goldfarb said that the cost would be doubled if the land were factored in.

Part of the proposal is that the Borough will provide the land," said Mayor Reed. Councilman Bill Slover added, "What we paid for the land does not relate to what it is worth."

Mr. Goldfarb, who, along with Councilman Roger Martindell, voted against the project, said there were ways to provide affordable housing that would cost a great deal less than building new units. He suggested that the Borough could provide direct financial help to low-income home buyers, and pointed out that houses in the Borough could still be purchased for under $150,000.

Former Councilman Mark Freda, who served on the Affordable Housing Board for many years, was in the audience. He said Mr. Goldfarb's suggestion was a fallacy, since it does not expand the stock of housing.

No Next Step for Some

The Princeton Housing Authority manages Princeton's 236 units of public housing. Its executive director, Mary Jo Grauso, told Council members that some tenants are paying $700 or $800 a month for public housing, but that they don't want to leave because there is no next step for them. "Without more affordable housing, these families can't stay in the area," she said. (Rents in public housing are 30 percent of adjusted income.)

Mr. Martindell continued his long-held opposition to building housing on Shirley Court, stating that the site was neither safe nor attractive. He said he could support building on Maclean Street, as it would fill out the streetscape, but that he was concerned about the parking situation. He also noted that the Borough had exceeded its requirement under state law to provide affordable housing.

The newest members of Borough Council both proved to be supporters of the project. In fact, both moved at about the same moment to second Councilwoman Mildred Trotman's motion to accept the Hotz proposal.

Ryan Stark Lilienthal, who was appointed to Council in October and elected in November, said he was in favor of the proposal. Wendy Benchley, who was appointed to Council in January, said that the reason she and her husband had moved to Princeton in 1975 was because of the town's diversity, something she felt the addition of affordable housing could protect.

Attached Townhouses

Hotz Development will construct six two-story attached townhouses on Maclean Street, each with front and rear porch. Included would be two three-bedroom units and four two-bedroom units. Six parking spaces would be provided behind the townhomes.

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All townhouses would have vinyl siding, shutters, carpeting throughout except for the kitchen and bathroom, and central heating and air conditioning.

Estimated sales prices prepared by Hotz Development range from $50,000 to $105,000 for the two-bedroom units and from $60,000 to $122,500 for the three-bedroom townhomes.

Mr. Hotz said he expected it would take seven or eight months to complete construction at the two sites. If contracts are signed soon, as is Mayor Reed's hope, the 12 new Borough homes could be completed by the end of the year.

After the vote, at the meeting's end, Mr. Freda said, "It's long overdue, but it's great."

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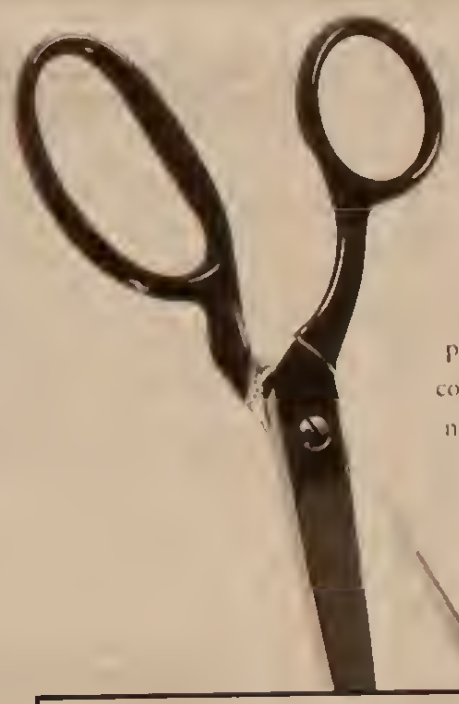

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OBITUARIES

Frances Follin Jones, 87, of Haverford, Pa., curator of collections at The Princeton University Art Museum from 1943 to 1983, died February 13 at the Quadrangle, where she had lived since retirement.

Miss Jones studied classical archaeology at Bryn Mawr College and received her B.A. in 1934 and her Ph.D. in 1952. She worked on the excavation of the ancient city of Tarsus under the direction of the distinguished archaeologist Hetty Goldman.

She came to Princeton in 1939 as assistant to Hetty Goldman at the Institute for Advanced Study. Beginning in 1943, she divided her time between the Institute and The Art Museum, but soon became a full-time member of the museum staff. She rose from secretary and assistant curator of Classical art to curator of Classical art in 1946. She was promoted to curator of collections in 1971.

Frances Follin Jones

She participated in several archaeological expeditions, as a member of the staff of the Princeton expedition to Sicily in 1955 and as a visiting member of the excavations at Curium, Cyprus, and Aphrodisias, Turkey.

Beginning in 1955, Miss Jones was one of the American correspondents for *Fasti Archaeologici*, an international digest of publications in archaeology. But her most lasting contribution to archaeological research was her publication of the Hellenistic and Roman Pottery from Tarsus, in *Excovotions ot Gözlü Kule*, Torsus I.

At the museum she was a founding editor of the *Record of The Art Museum, Princeton University*, and contributed numerous articles to that journal on works in the Classical and the American field.

When Miss Jones arrived at the museum in 1943, the budget had just been raised to $500 per annum and the staff consisted of herself; Professor Frank Jewett Mather Jr., the director, who lived in Bucks County and had only enough rationed gasoline to make the trip to Princeton once a week; and a janitor-guard, on duty in the afternoons.

As both curator and registrar, she was responsible for cataloging the museum's holdings, and her duties included preparing catalogue cards (for a collection eventually numbering in the tens of thousands of objects) as well as conducting research on objects in all fields.

There will be an informal gathering in remembrance of Miss Jones at Wyndham, the Alumnae House of Bryn Mawr College, on Friday, March 12, at 3 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa. 19010; The Art Museum, Princeton University, Princeton 08544; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Filomena "Mae" McVaugh, 85, of Rocky Hill, died February 18 at home.

A resident of Rocky Hill all her life, she was retired from Princeton Regional Schools.

She had been a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Rocky Hill Hook and Ladder Company, Princeton Elks Lodge No. 2129, and the Rocky Hill Senior Citizens Club.

Daughter of the late Gennaro and Josephine Panicaro and wife of the late Edward G. McVaugh, she is survived by a son, George E. of Skillman; two grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and a brother, Sam Panicaro of Rocky Hill.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday at the Church of St. Charles Borromeo, Skillman. Burial followed in St. Paul's Cemetery, Princeton.

Memorial contributions may be made either to Rocky Hill Hook and Ladder Co. or Rocky Hill First Aid and Rescue Squad, Rocky Hill 08553.

Arrangements were under the direction of The Kimble Funeral Home.

Nora Marie Cypress, 80, of West Windsor, died February 18 at home.

Born in Virginia, she was a lifelong resident of West Windsor.

She worked at the Nassau Inn, retiring in 1991. She was an historian for West Windsor, with special knowledge of the Dutch Neck area.

She was a former member of Mount Pisgah A.M.E. Church, Princeton, and its stewardess board; a volunteer for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Pop Warner; and an active supporter of West Windsor Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1.

Wife of the late Clifton P. Cypress, and mother of the late Jerry Dean, she is survived by a daughter, Joyce Gillette of West Windsor; two sons, Clifton Paul Jr. of Dover, Del., and Larry S. of West Windsor; four sisters, three brothers; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at A.S. Cole Funeral Home, Cranbury. The Rev. Joy Kulvicki officiated. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Foundation, The Medical Center at Princeton, Department of Home Care, 253 Witherspoon Street, Princeton 08540.

Julia Lieberman Baum, 65, Riverside Drive, died February 21 at Princeton Medical Center.

Born in Czechoslovakia, she lived in the Princeton area 38 years.

She was a retired teacher with degrees from Boston University and Harvard.

She was the Over-40 Caribbean Women's Squash Champion, and enjoyed the arts and traveling.

Daughter of the late Lilly Lieberman, she is survived by her husband, Leonard Baum; her father, Louis Lieberman of Brooklyn, N.Y.; a daughter, Stefi Baum of Baltimore, Md.; a son, Eric of Princeton; a brother, Saul Lieberman of Brooklyn; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Riverside Memorial Chapels, Ewing. Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

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QUESTION: I've been depressed lately. I feel trapped. I have e high-paying job, but, et age 50, I thought I'd be further ahead. And now, it's too late to make any major changes, so I feel stuck. I also feel foolish, es I have what most people envy: a wonderful house, an expensive cer, and a very understanding wife. Can you help me snap out of it?

ANSWER; Your thinking is upside down, having succumbed to the considerable pressures of our materialistic and competitive society. The principle by which you live is that if you do good things, then you are good. Whereas the truth is that as you are already good, then you have the power to do good things.

WHAT YOU DO: Your way, your value depends upon what you do. If you have a big job, a big house, and a big car, then you feel like a success. The more you possess, the better you feel.

However, get fired or go bankrupt, and you will feel like the word "loser" is tattooed on your forehead for all to see. Or, in your case, as age iorces you to see the limits oi what you can obtain or produce, you gaze sadly at a horizon over which you will never sail. But, remember, even ii you were able to conquer the world like Alexander the Great, you would still become depressed because there would be no more wars to win or peoples to vanquish.

WHO YOU ARE: My way, your value depends upon who you are. You are a creature of God, having an intellect with which to think, a will with which to love, and even the indwelling oi the Holy Spirit io help you discern your path in life. You have many line qualities that others have come to love: you are reliable, responsible, sensitive, and caring. You are a man of your word. Even if the stock market crashes, who you are remains a rock able to weather the storms that life inevitably sends your way.

DEPRESSION: People who ieel depressed often feel ihat they do not measure up. Those who attain little feel depressed because they are not as successful as you. You feel depressed because you are not as successful as you once dreamt you might be. Both people are trapped in a world view that has been running as hard as they can after a ghost.

To escape your trap, realize that your value is predicated not by your external achievements, but rather by your internal worth. Your Lexus will not fit into the coffin with you. Your soul will. Strive to look under your nose at the wonder of who you are, and amazingly, you will relax and probably achieve more, having put on a psychological suit oi armor against outside criticism or inside doubt, as typified by the vicissitudes oi turning 50.

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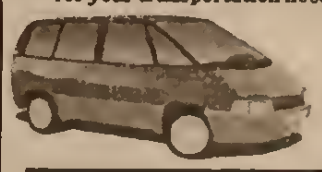

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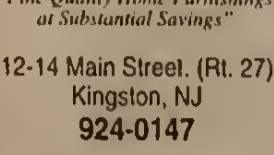

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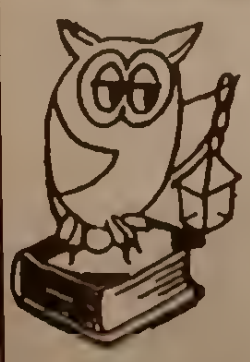
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